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POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY 1

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CHARACTERS

PAPA SATO
A TRADITIONAL MAN AND THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SATO FAMILY.

MOE SATO
INFATUATED BY HER CAT.
22 YEARS OLD.
SINGLE.

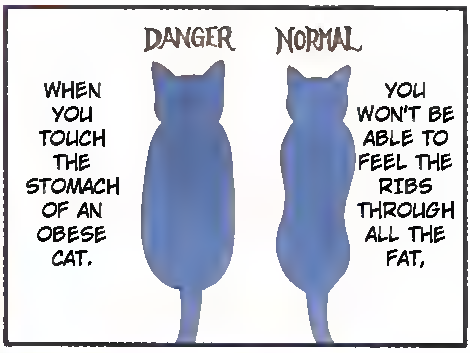
POYO SATO
A ROUND JAPANESE CAT AND A DASHING GENTLEMAN (ER, CAT?).

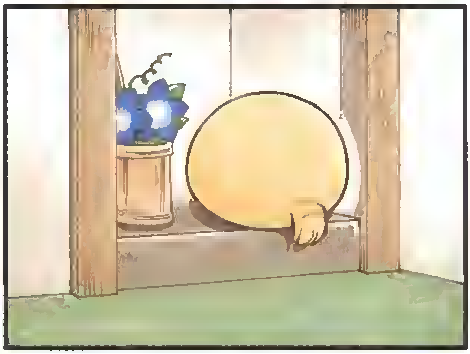
HIDE SATO
MOE'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
17 YEARS OLD.

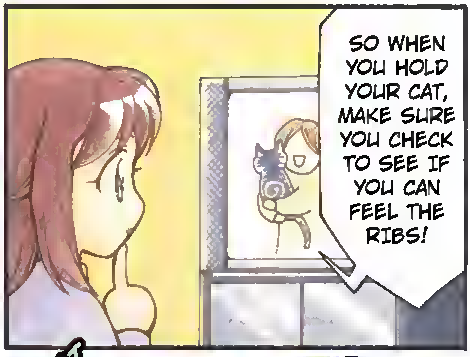
SUZUKI
HIDE'S FRIEND.
OWNS A HAMSTER

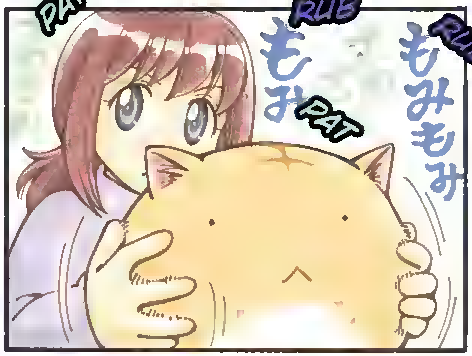
MAKI
HIDE'S CLASSMATE AND ADMIRER.
OWNS A DOG.

KUROBEI
NEXT DOOR CAT.
IN LOVE WITH POYO.
MALE.


DANGER
NORMAL
WHEN YOU TOUCH THE STOMACH OF AN OBESE CAT.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FEEL THE RIBS THROUGH ALL THE FAT.




SO WHEN YOU HOLD YOUR CAT, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK TO SEE IF YOU CAN FEEL THE RIBS!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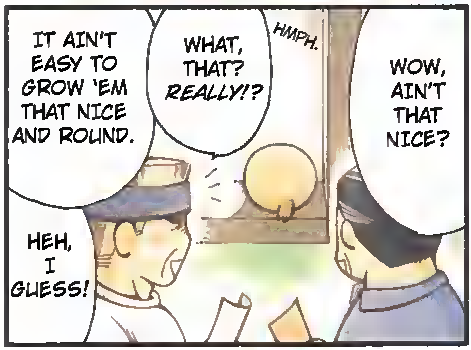
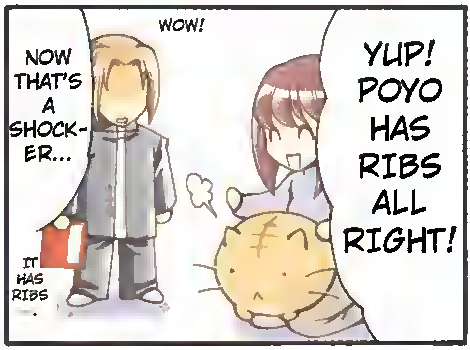
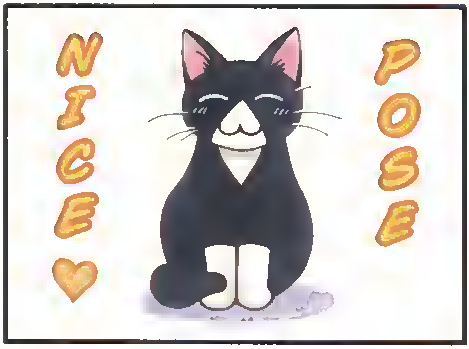
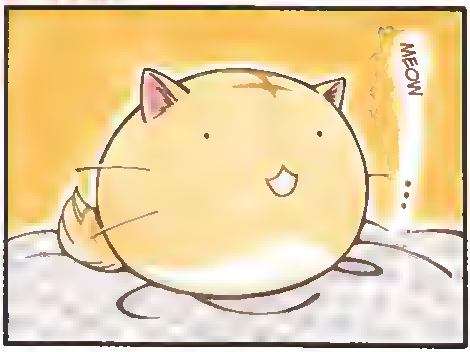
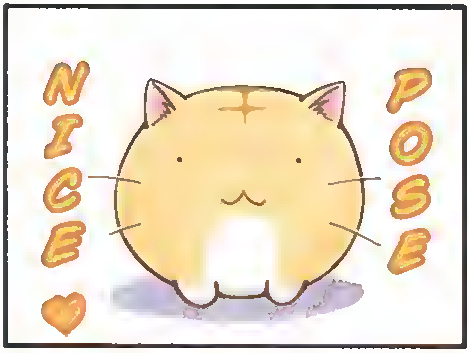
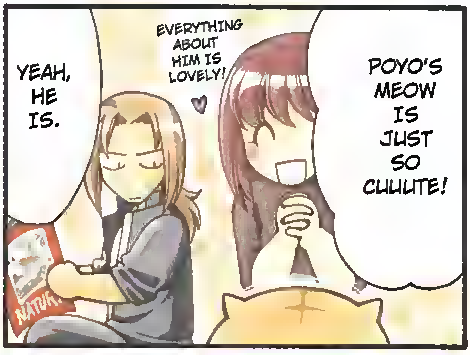

IT AIN'T EASY TO GROW 'EM THAT NICE AND ROUND.
WHAT, THAT? REALLY!?
HMPH.
WOW, AIN'T THAT NICE?
HEH, I GUESS!

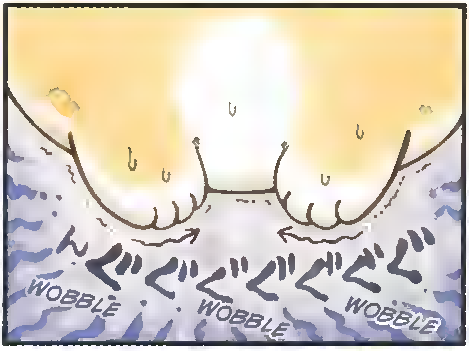

NOW THAT'S A SHOCK-ER...
WOW!
YUP! POYO HAS RIBS ALL RIGHT!
IT HAS RIBS

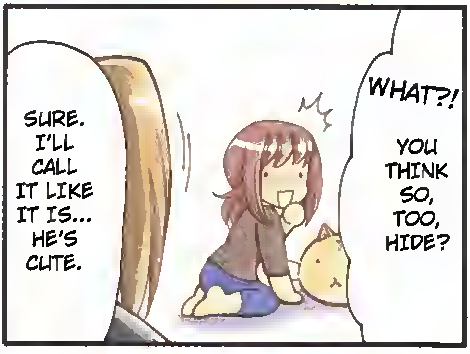


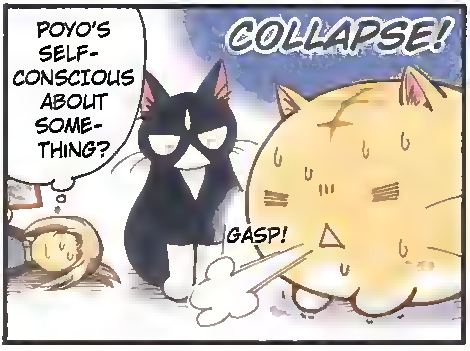


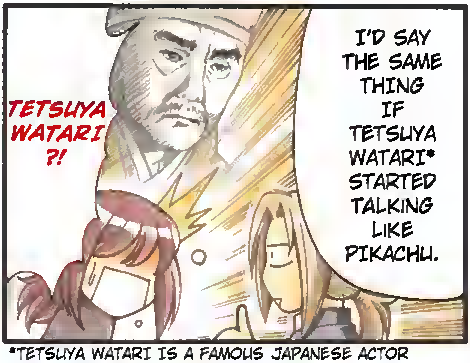








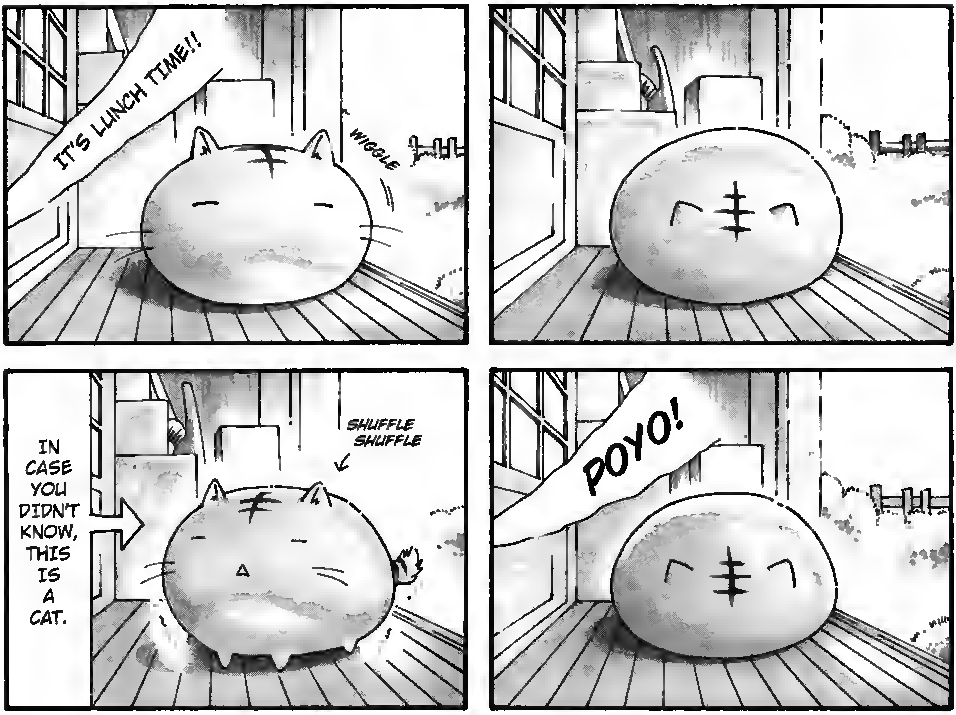


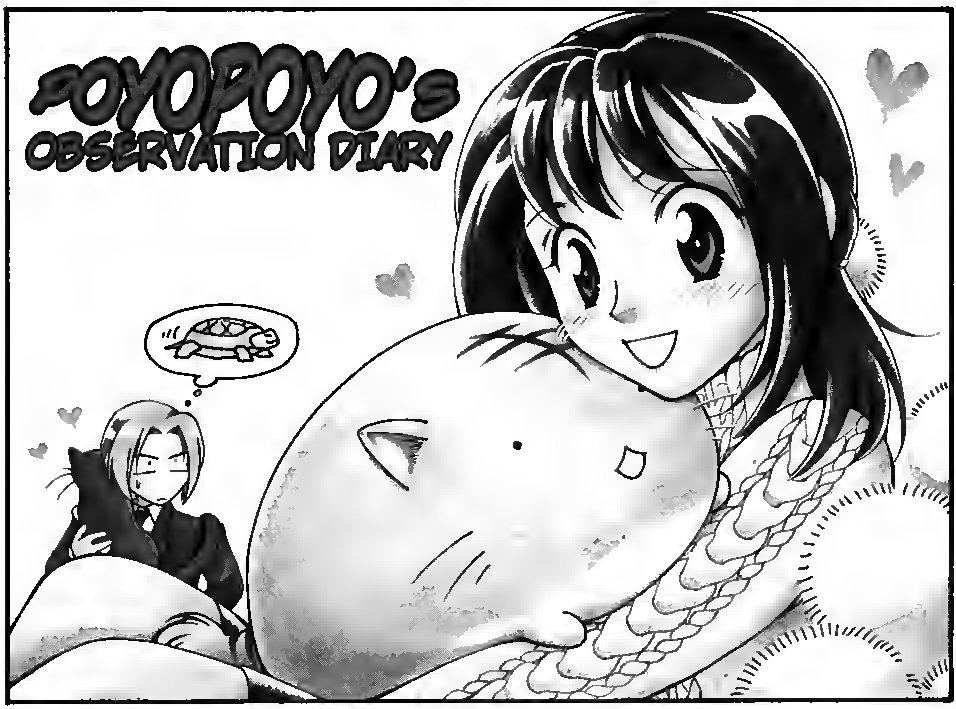


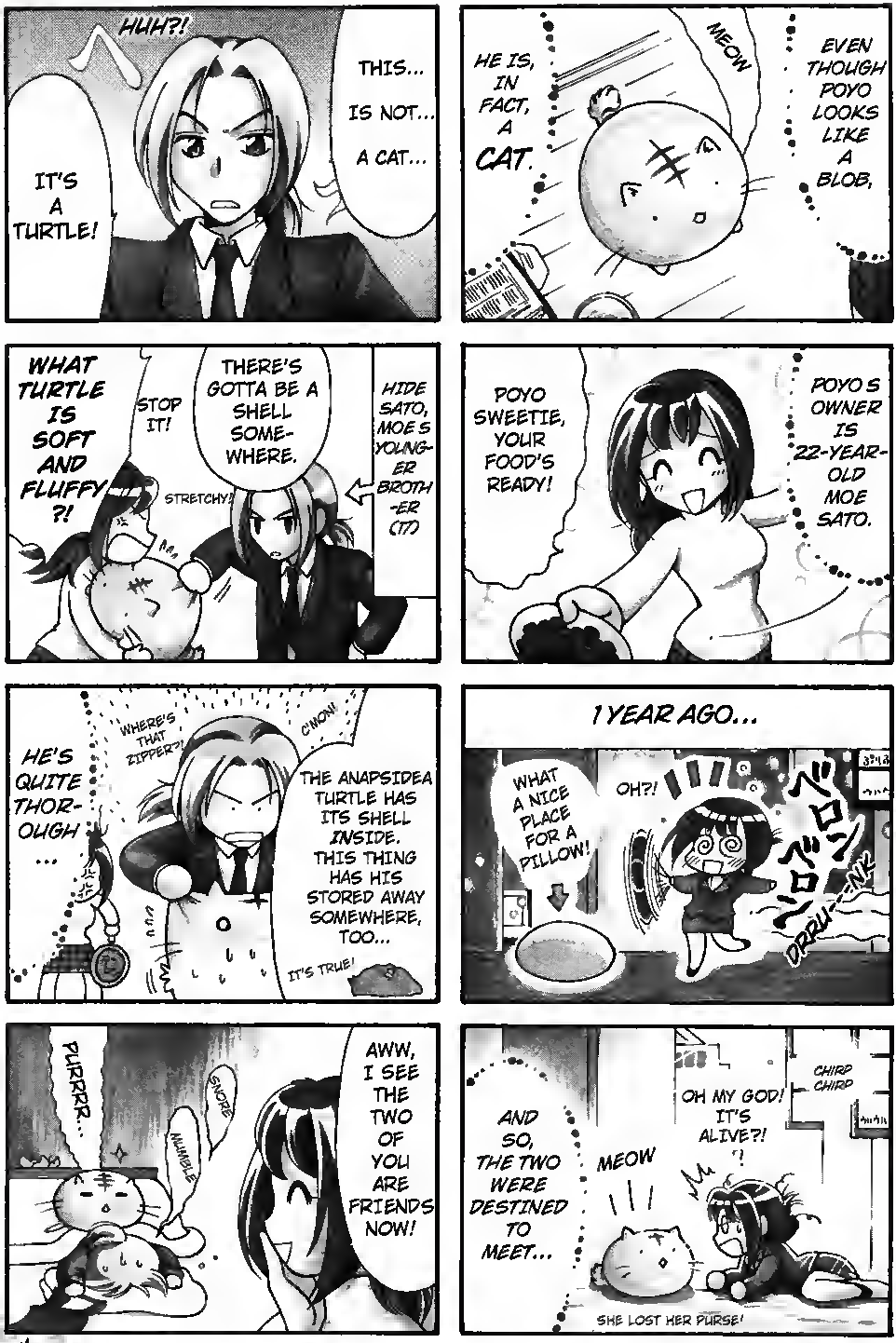
*TETSUYA WATARI IS A FAMOUS JAPANESE ACTOR WHO MADE HIS STAGE DEBUT IN THE '60S.

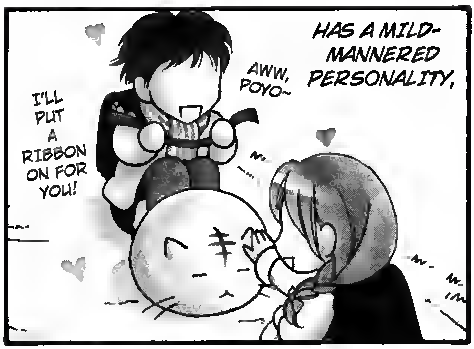
FIND POYO WITH EYEBROWS!!

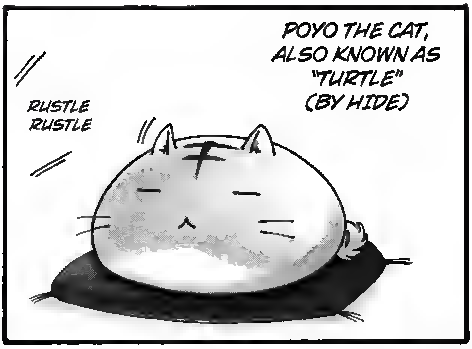
THERE'S ONLY ONE POYO WITH EYEBROWS IN HERE! CAN YOU FIND HIM?

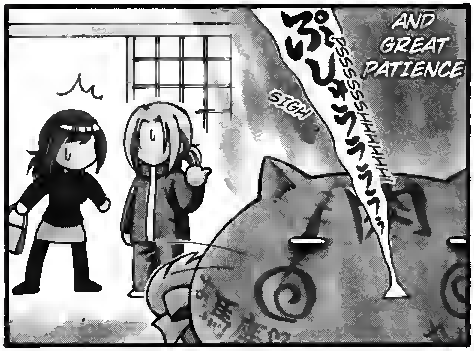





HUH?!
IT'S A TURTLE!
THIS... IS NOT... A CAT...
MEOW
HE IS, IN FACT, A CAT.
EVEN THOUGH POYO LOOKS LIKE A BLOB,
WHAT TURTLE IS SOFT AND FLUFFY?!
STOP IT!
STRETCHY!
THERE'S GOTTA BE A SHELL SOMEWHERE.
HIDE SATO, MOE'S YOUNGER BROTHER (17)
POYO SWEETIE, YOUR FOOD'S READY!
POYO'S OWNER IS 22-YEAR-OLD MOE SATO.
HE'S QUITE THOROUGH...
WHERE'S THAT ZIPPER?!
C'MON!
THE ANAPSIDEA TURTLE HAS ITS SHELL INSIDE. THIS THING HAS HIS STORED AWAY SOMEWHERE, TOO...
IT'S TRUE!
1 YEAR AGO...
WHAT A NICE PLACE FOR A PILLOW!
OH?!
ベロン
ベロ
DRU--NZ
PURRR...
SNORE
MUMBLE
AWW, I SEE THE TWO OF YOU ARE FRIENDS NOW!
AND SO, THE TWO WERE DESTINED TO MEET...
MEOW
OH MY GOD! IT'S ALIVE?!
CHIRP CHIRP
SHE LOST HER PURSE!
ACK!


I'LL PUT A RIBBON ON FOR YOU!
AWW, POYO~
HAS A MILD-MANNERED PERSONALITY,


POYO THE CAT, ALSO KNOWN AS "TURTLE" (BY HIDE)
RUSTLE RUSTLE


AND GREAT PATIENCE
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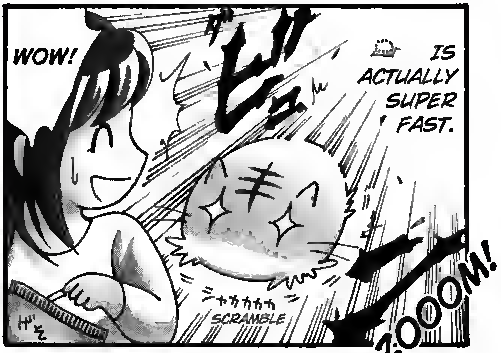
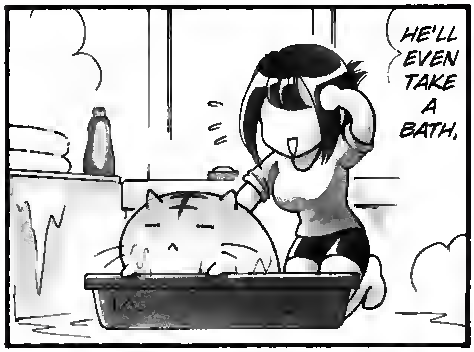
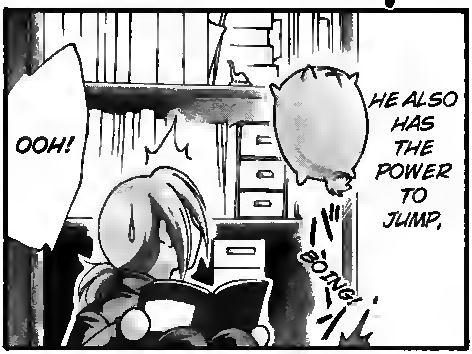
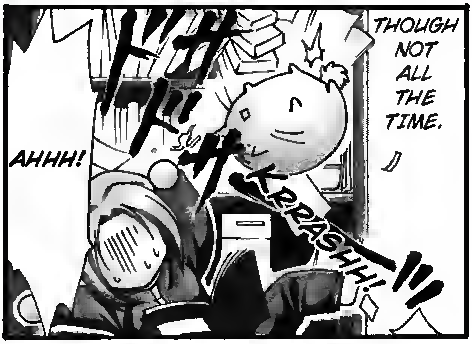
SSSSSHHHHHH


WOW!
IS ACTUALLY SUPER FAST.
ZOOOM!
SCRAMBLE

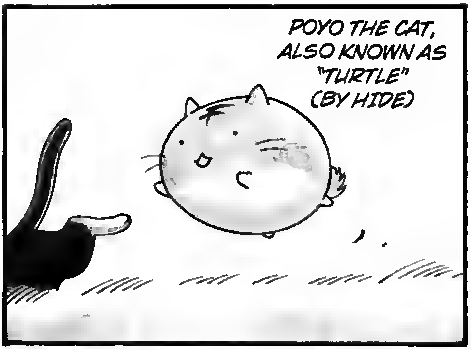

HE'LL EVEN TAKE A BATH,


OOH!
HE ALSO HAS THE POWER TO JUMP,
BOING!

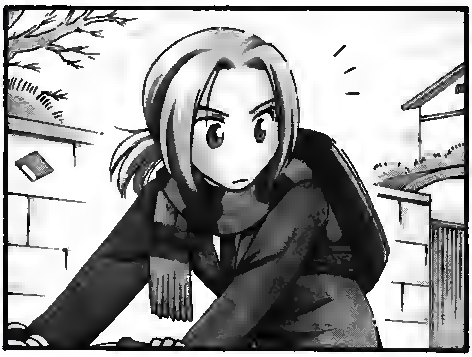
NOT AGAIN! CONTROL YOUR ANGER ISSUES !!!
THOUGH NOT ALL THE TIME.
KRRASH!!

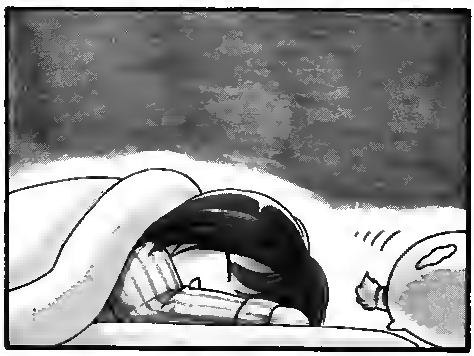

AHHH!
THOUGH NOT ALL THE TIME.
KRRASH!!

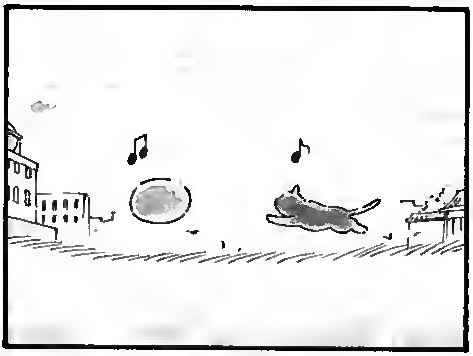
SWEET DREAMS, POYO!

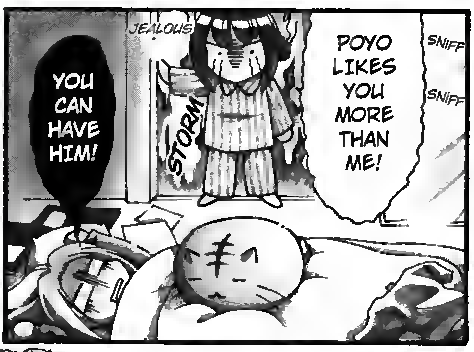

POYO THE CAT, ALSO KNOWN AS "TURTLE" (BY HIDE)

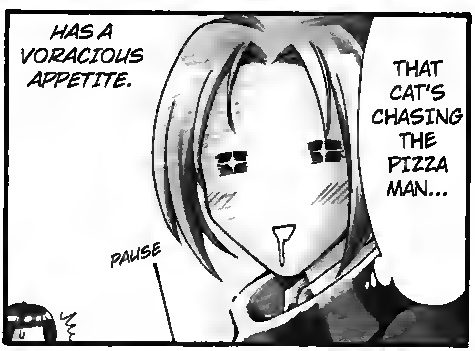
SNORE~
HIDE AWAKE



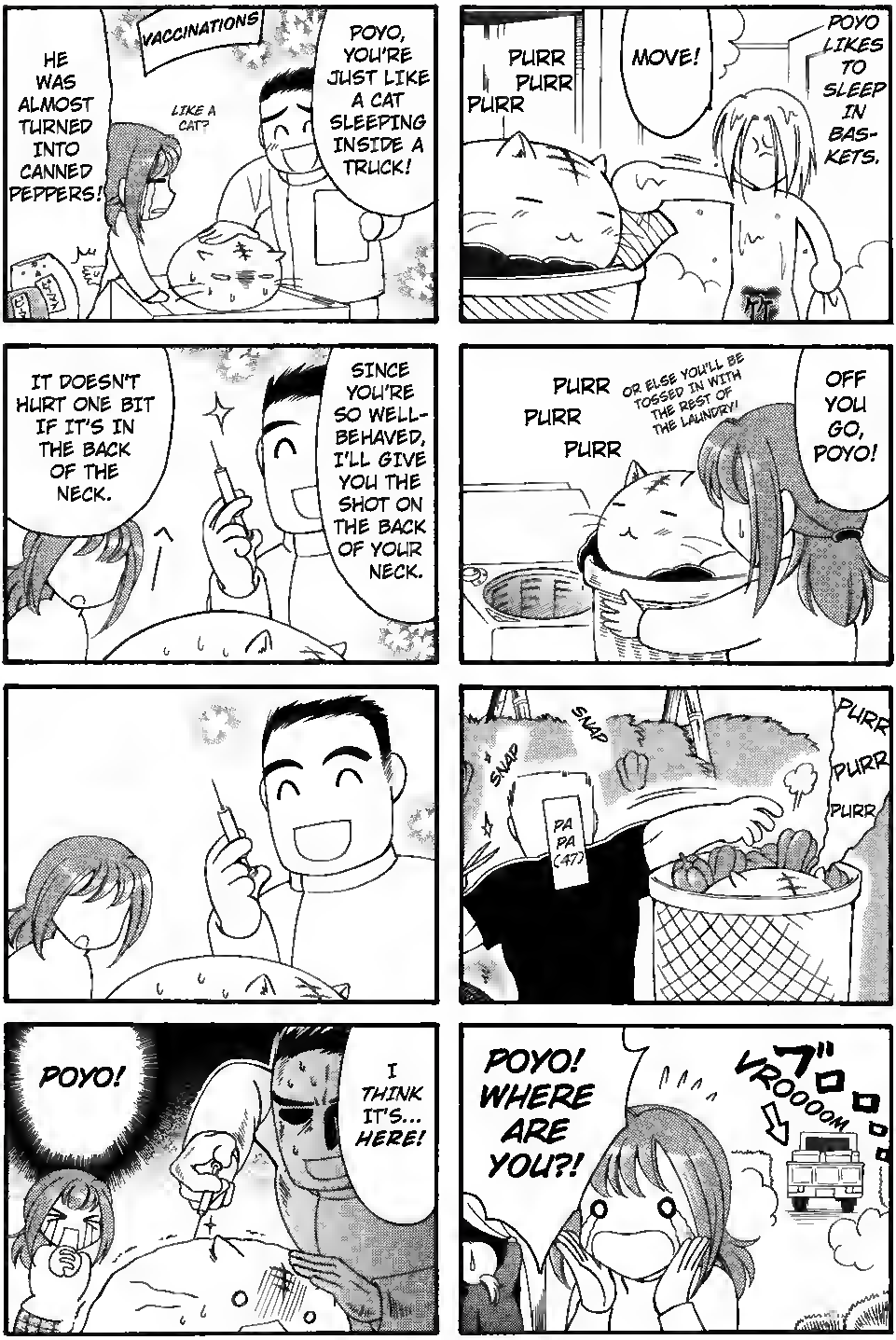


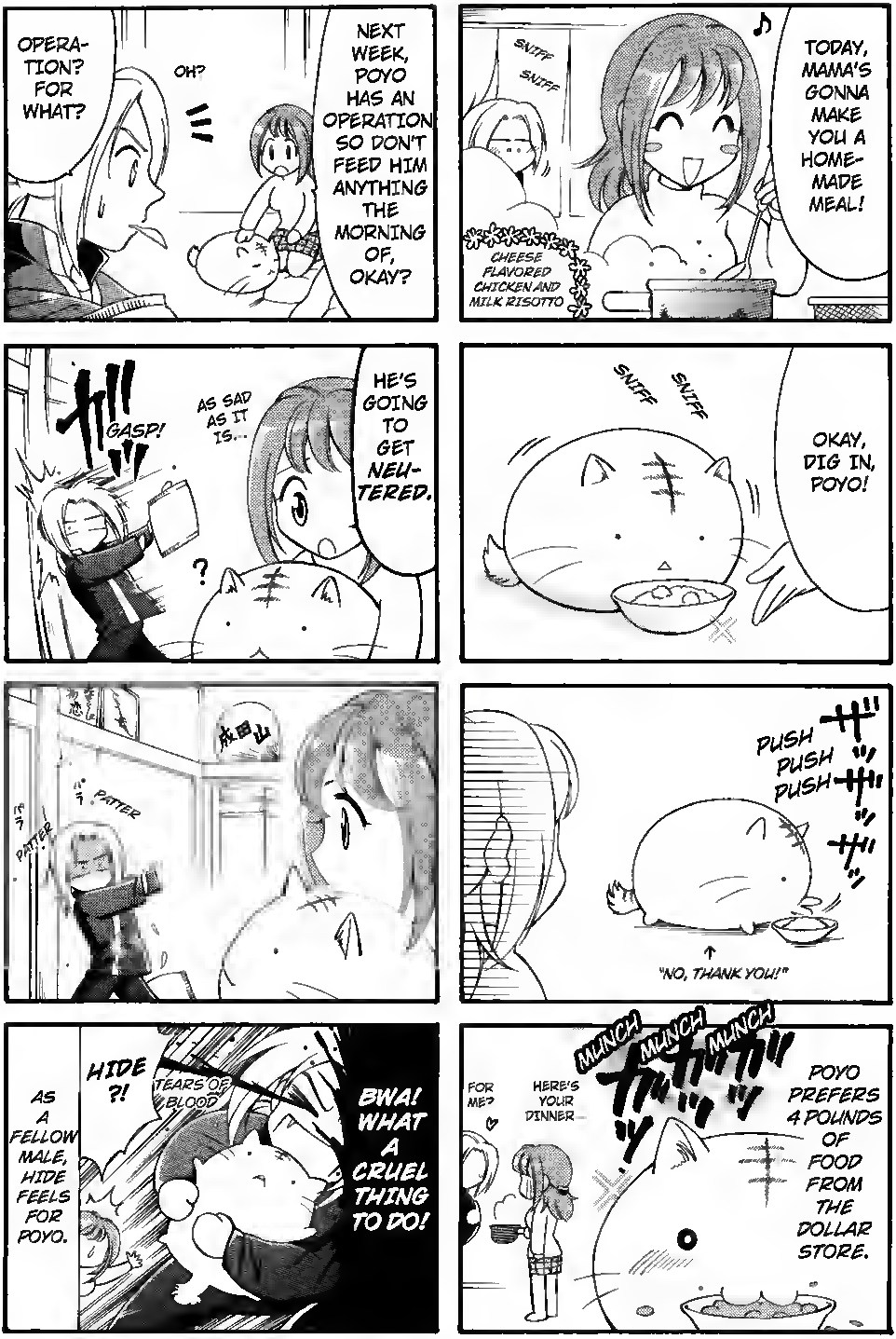


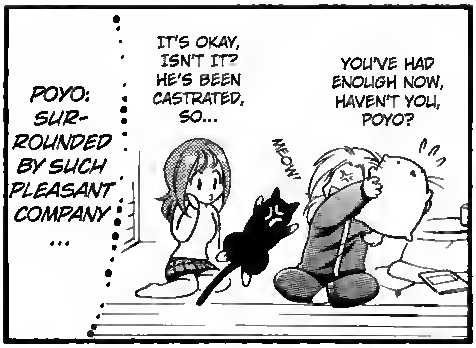

JEALOUS
STORM
YOU CAN HAVE HIM!
POYO LIKES YOU MORE THAN ME!
SNIFF
SNIFF

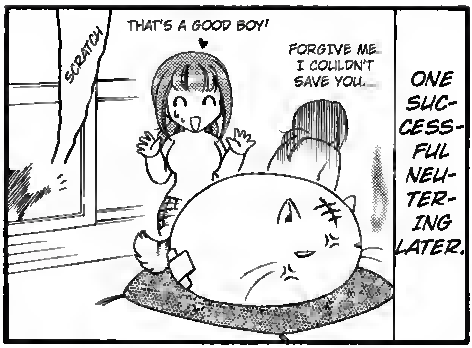

HAS A VORACIOUS APPETITE.
PAUSE
THAT CAT'S CHASING THE PIZZA MAN...

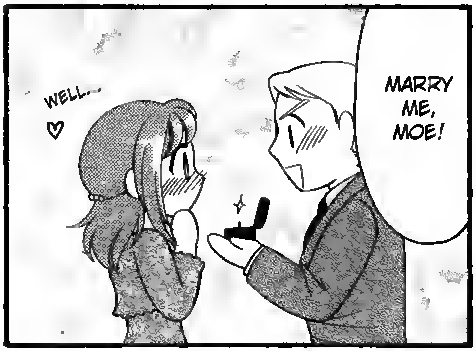
GYAAA!
TODAY'S DREAM

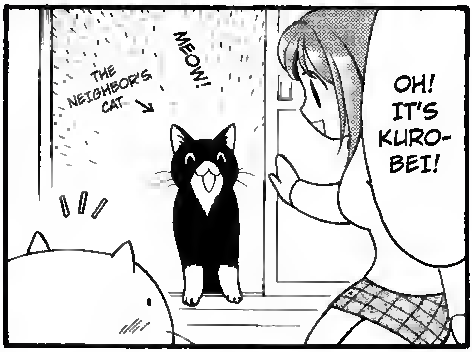

VACCINATIONS
HE WAS ALMOST TURNED INTO CANNED PEPPERS!
LIKE A CAT?
POYO, YOU'RE JUST LIKE A CAT SLEEPING INSIDE A TRUCK!
PURR PURR PURR
MOVE!
POYO LIKES TO SLEEP IN BASKETS.
IT DOESN'T HURT ONE BIT IF IT'S IN THE BACK OF THE NECK.
SINCE YOU'RE SO WELL-BEHAVED, I'LL GIVE YOU THE SHOT ON THE BACK OF YOUR NECK.
PURR PURR PURR
OR ELSE YOU'LL BE TOSSED IN WITH THE REST OF THE LAUNDRY!
OFF YOU GO, POYO!
SNAP SNAP
PA PA (47)
PURR PURR PURR
POYO!
I THINK IT'S... HERE!
POYO! WHERE ARE YOU?!
VROOOOM

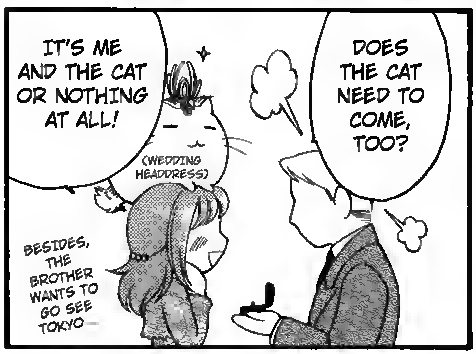

OPERATION? FOR WHAT?
OH?
NEXT WEEK, POYO HAS AN OPERATION SO DON'T FEED HIM ANYTHING THE MORNING OF, OKAY?
SNIFF SNIFF
CHEESE FLAVORED CHICKEN AND MILK RISOTTO
TODAY, MAMA'S GONNA MAKE YOU A HOME-MADE MEAL!
GASP!
AS SAD AS IT IS...
HE'S GOING TO GET NEUTERED.
SNIFF SNIFF
OKAY, DIG IN, POYO!
PATTER PATTER
PUSH PUSH PUSH
"NO, THANK YOU!"
AS A FELLOW MALE, HIDE FEELS FOR POYO.
HIDE ?!
TEARS OF BLOOD
BWA! WHAT A CRUEL THING TO DO!
FOR ME?
HERE'S YOUR DINNER
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
POYO PREFERS 4 POUNDS OF FOOD FROM THE DOLLAR STORE.

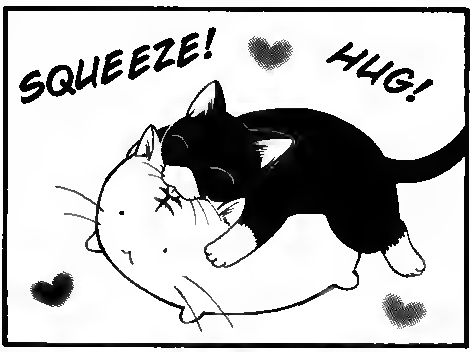

POYO: SURROUNDED BY SUCH PLEASANT COMPANY...
IT'S OKAY, ISN'T IT? HE'S BEEN CASTRATED, SO...
YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH NOW, HAVEN'T YOU, POYO?
MEOW!

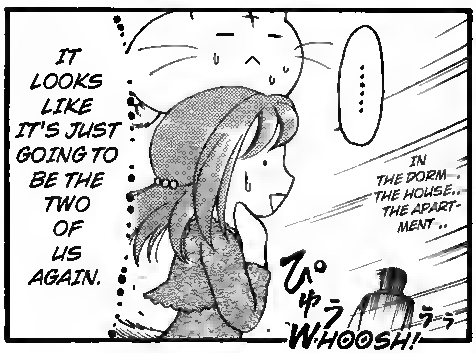

SCRATCH!
THAT'S A GOOD BOY!
FORGIVE ME. I COULDN'T SAVE YOU...
ONE SUCCESSFUL NEUTERING LATER.

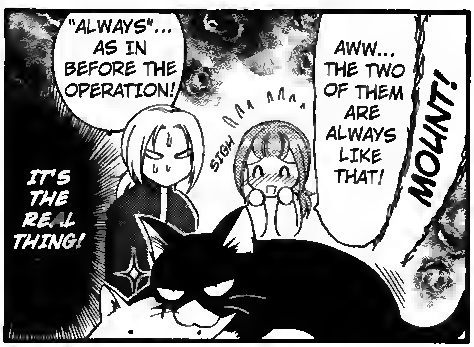

WELL...
MARRY ME, MOE!


MEOW!
THE NEIGHBOR'S CAT
OH! IT'S KURO-BEI!

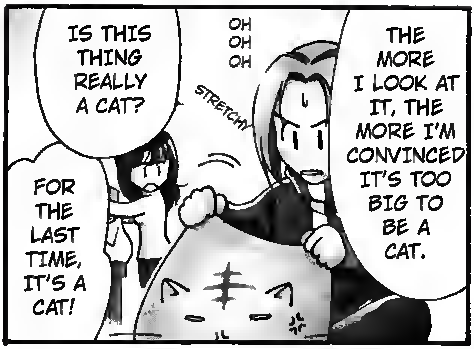

IT'S ME AND THE CAT OR NOTHING AT ALL!
DOES THE CAT NEED TO COME, TOO?
(WEDDING HEADDRESS)
BESIDES, THE BROTHER WANTS TO GO SEE TOKYO

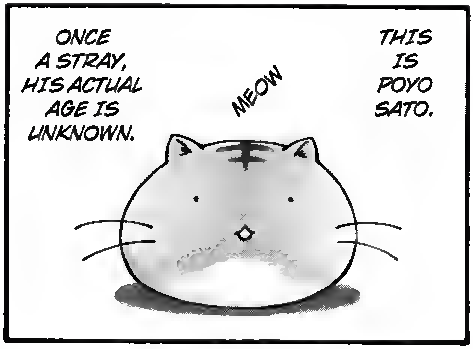

SQUEEZE!
HUG!


IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST GOING TO BE THE TWO OF US AGAIN.
.....
IN THE DORM... THE HOUSE... THE APARTMENT..
WHOOSH!

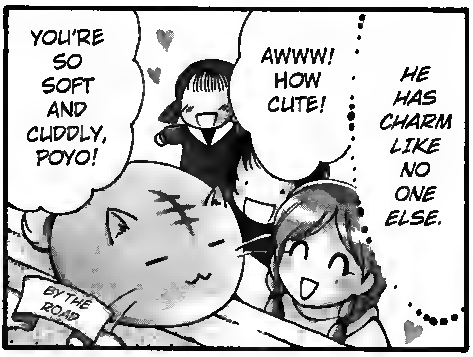

"ALWAYS"... AS IN BEFORE THE OPERATION!
IT'S THE REAL THING!
SIGH
AWW... THE TWO OF THEM ARE ALWAYS LIKE THAT!
MOUNT!

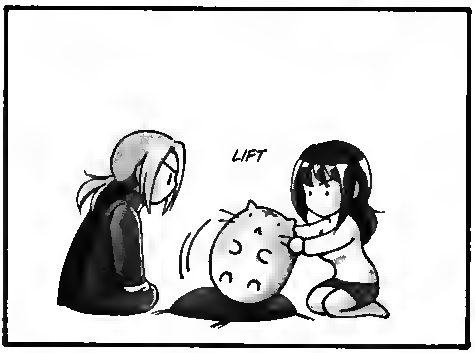
ONE DAY, NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR.
アオーン
AWOOOO!
A CAT HAD ARRIVED AT THE SATO RESI-DENCE.
LITTLE BRO-THER, HIDE SATO (17)
A CAT?
WELL, IF PAPA SAYS IT'S FINE, ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
BIG SIS-TER, MOE SATO (22)
PAPA SAID IT WAS ALL RIGHT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, HIDE?
I'D REALLY PREFER A DOG..
SO ARE YOU GONNA GO OUT AND GET THE CAT, NOW?
NOPE, 'CAUSE I ALREADY DID!
YOYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

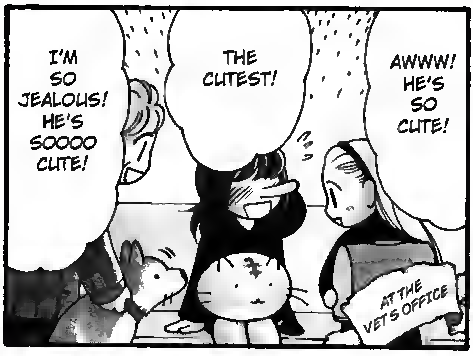

IS THIS THING REALLY A CAT?
OH OH OH
STRETCH!
THE MORE I LOOK AT IT, THE MORE I'M CONVINCED IT'S TOO BIG TO BE A CAT.
FOR THE LAST TIME, IT'S A CAT!

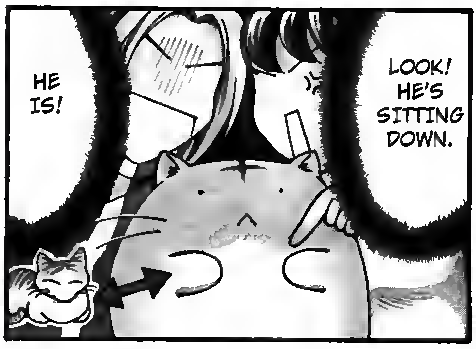

ONCE A STRAY, HIS ACTUAL AGE IS UNKNOWN.
MEOW
THIS IS POYO SATO.

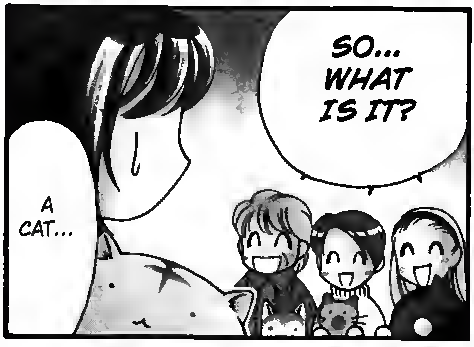
POYO IS A GENUINE FELINE! EVEN THE VET SAID SO! GRRR!
EEHHHH... THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...
HE'S NOT FAT, HE'S NOT A CUSHION, AND HE'S NOT A STUFFED ANIMAL!

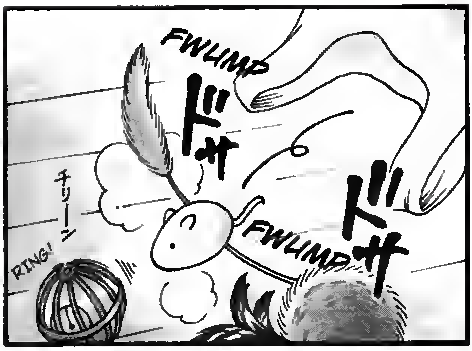

YOU'RE SO SOFT AND CUDDLY, POYO!
AWWW! HOW CUTE!
HE HAS CHARM LIKE NO ONE ELSE.
BY THE ROAD

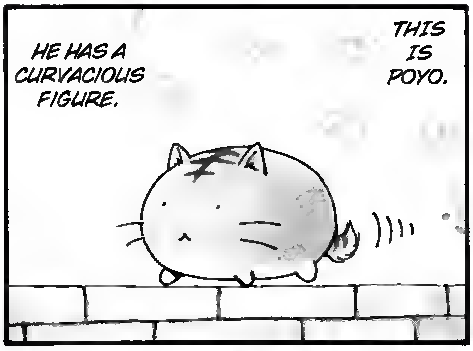

LIFT

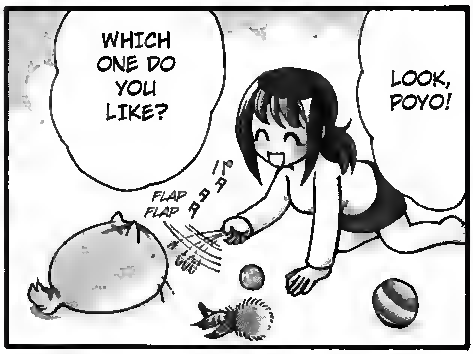

I'M SO JEALOUS! HE'S SOOOO CUTE!
THE CUTEST!
AWWW! HE'S SO CUTE!
AT THE VET'S OFFICE


HE IS!
LOOK! HE'S SITTING DOWN.

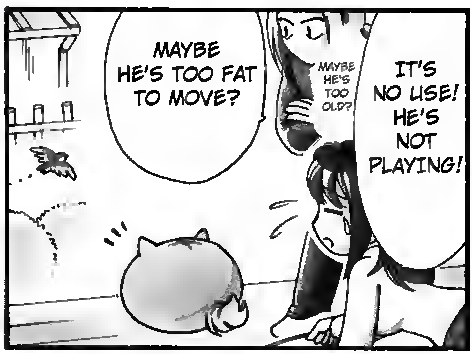

SO... WHAT IS IT?
A CAT...

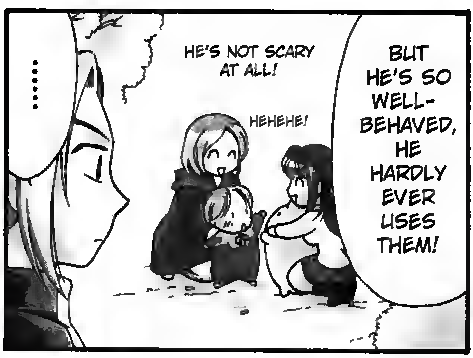

FWUMP
FWUMP
RING!


THIS IS POYO.
HE HAS A CURVACIOUS FIGURE.


WHICH ONE DO YOU LIKE?
LOOK, POYO!
FLAP FLAP

SCHWING
ON THE OTHER HAND, HIS CLAWS ARE QUITE SHARP!


MAYBE HE'S TOO FAT TO MOVE?
MAYBE HE'S TOO OLD?
IT'S NO USE! HE'S NOT PLAYING!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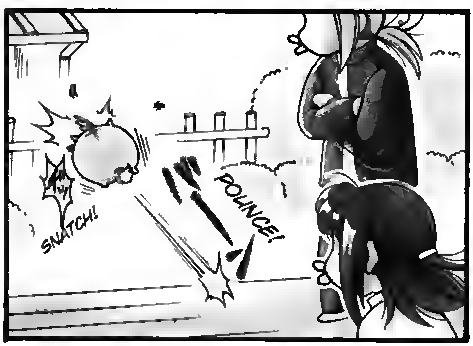
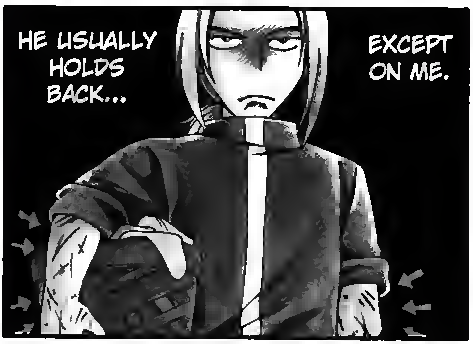
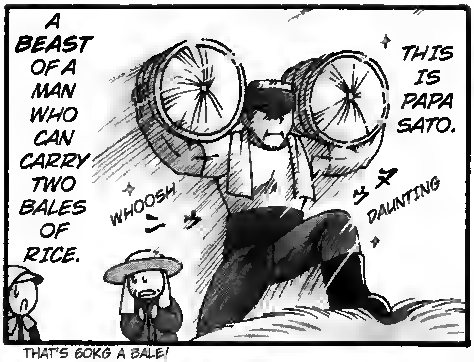
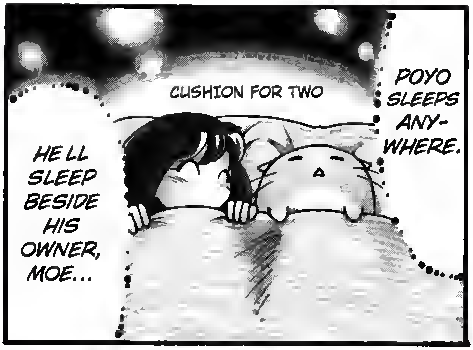
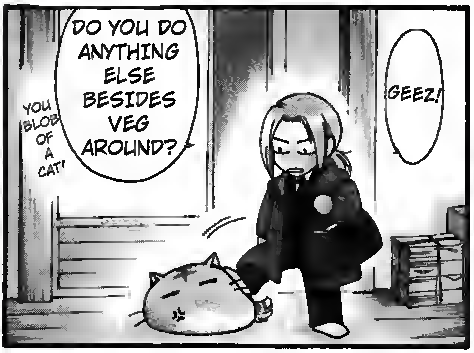
HE'S NOT SCARY AT ALL!
HEHEHE!
BUT HE'S SO WELL-BEHAVED, HE HARDLY EVER USES THEM!


SNATCH!
POUNCE!


HE USUALLY HOLDS BACK...
EXCEPT ON ME.

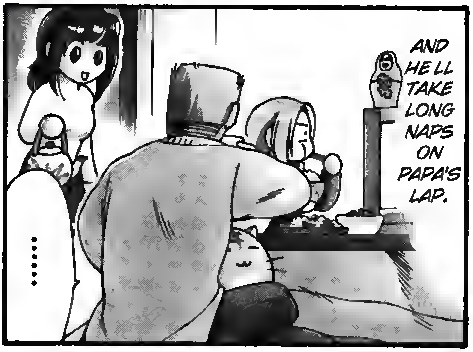

A BEAST OF A MAN WHO CAN CARRY TWO BALES OF RICE.
THIS IS PAPA SATO.
WHOOSH
DAUNTING
THAT'S 60KG A BALE!


CUSHION FOR TWO
POYO SLEEPS ANY-WHERE.
HE'LL SLEEP BESIDE HIS OWNER, MOE...


DO YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES VEG AROUND?
GEEZ!
YOU BLOB OF A CAT!

PURR
PURR
PURR
"HIS BED" ?!
OR ON TOP OF HIS BED, HIDE.

PALM THRUST


AND HE'LL TAKE LONG NAPS ON PAPA'S LAP.
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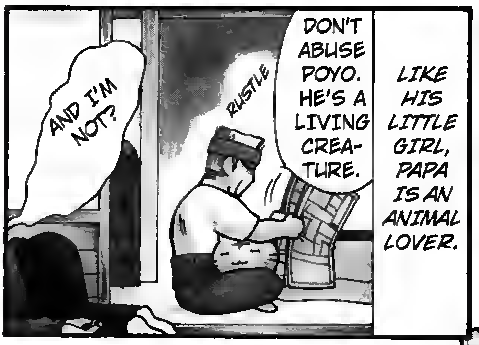
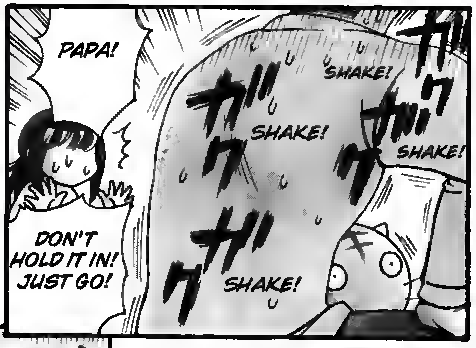
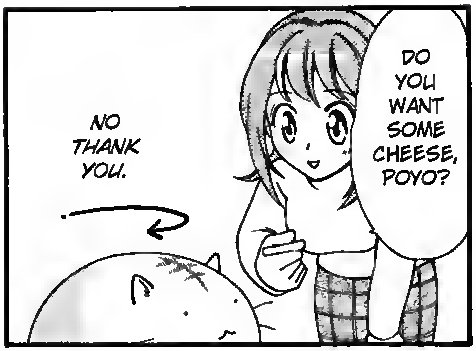
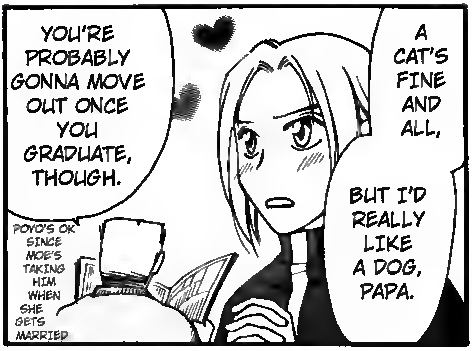
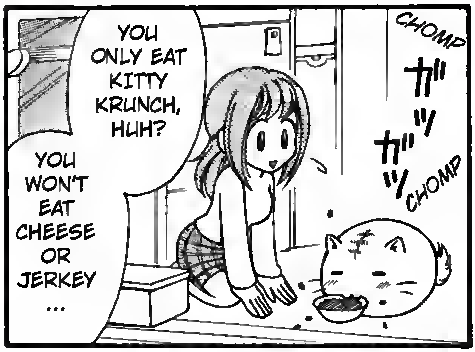

AND I'M NOT?
RUSTLE
DON'T ABUSE POYO. HE'S A LIVING CREA-TURE.
LIKE HIS LITTLE GIRL, PAPA IS AN ANIMAL LOVER.

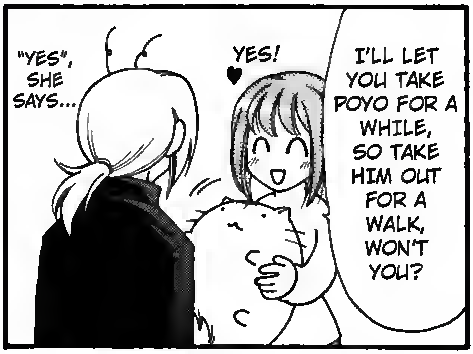

PAPA!
DON'T HOLD IT IN! JUST GO!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!

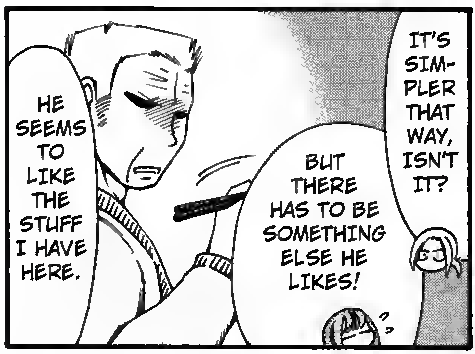
WC
SLAM!

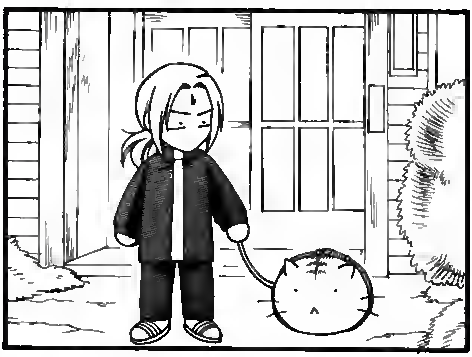

DO YOU WANT SOME CHEESE, POYO?
NO THANK YOU.

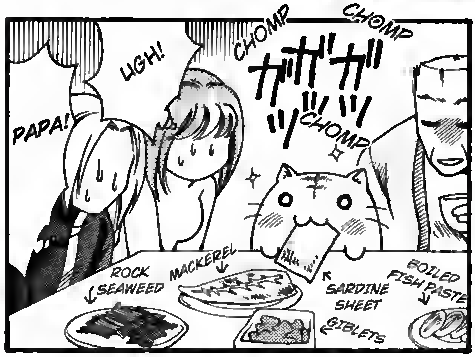

A CAT'S FINE AND ALL,
BUT I'D REALLY LIKE A DOG, PAPA.
YOU'RE PROBABLY GONNA MOVE OUT ONCE YOU GRADUATE, THOUGH.
POYO'S OK SINCE MOE'S TAKING HIM WHEN SHE GETS MARRIED

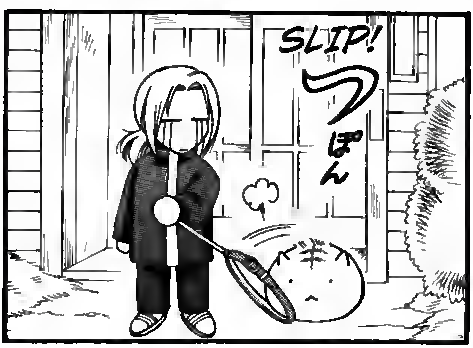

YOU ONLY EAT KITTY KRUNCH, HUH?
YOU WON'T EAT CHEESE OR JERKEY ...
CHOMP
CHOMP


"YES", SHE SAYS...
YES!
I'LL LET YOU TAKE POYO FOR A WHILE, SO TAKE HIM OUT FOR A WALK, WON'T YOU?


HE SEEMS TO LIKE THE STUFF I HAVE HERE.
BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING ELSE HE LIKES!
IT'S SIMPLER THAT WAY, ISN'T IT?




PAPA!
UGH!
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
ROCK SEAWEED
MACKEREL
SARDINE SHEET
BOILED FISH PASTE
GIBLETS


SLIP!
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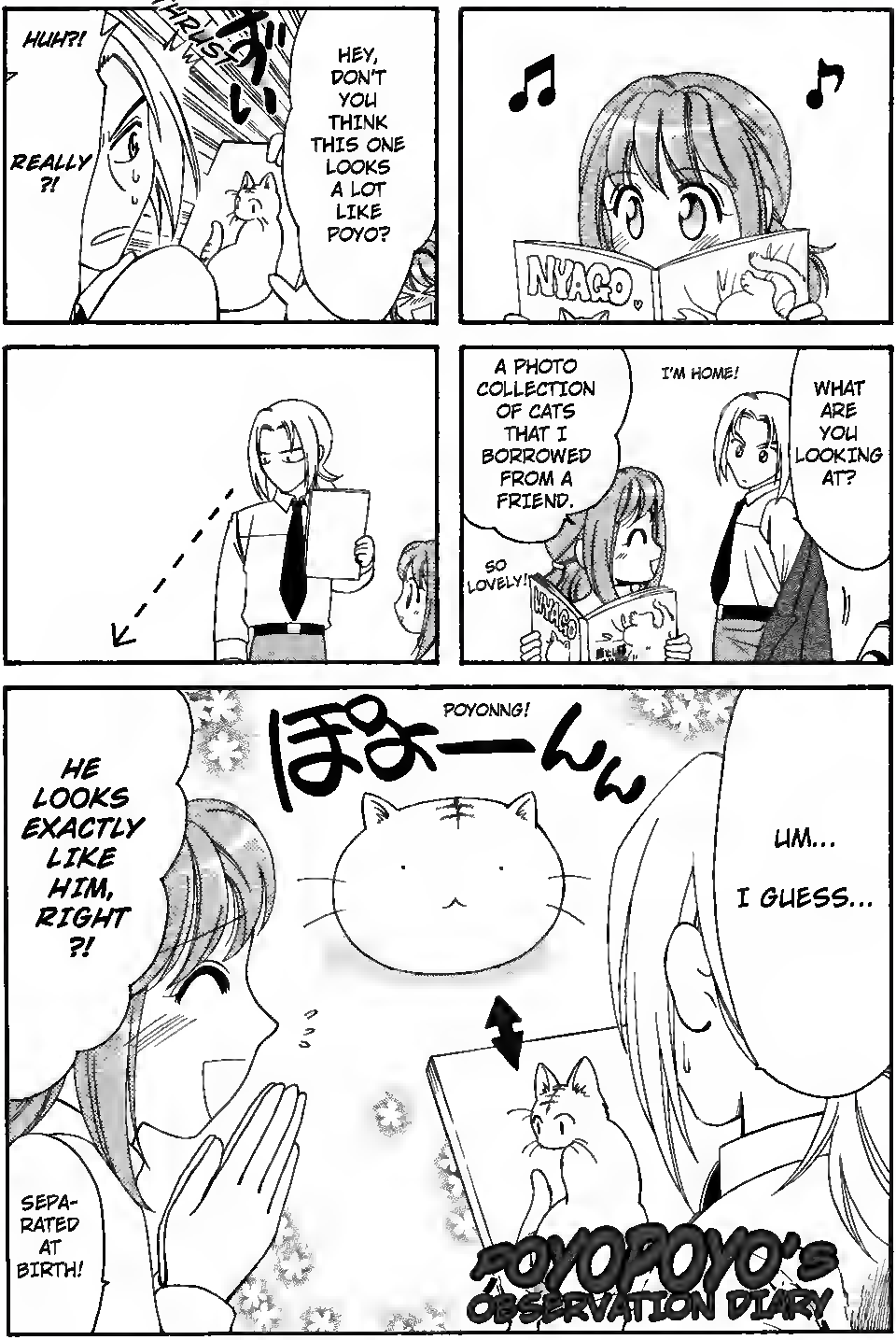
THRUST
HUH?!
REALLY ?!
HEY, DON'T YOU THINK THIS ONE LOOKS A LOT LIKE POYO?
NYAGO
A PHOTO COLLECTION OF CATS THAT I BORROWED FROM A FRIEND.
I'M HOME!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
SO LOVELY!
POYONNG!
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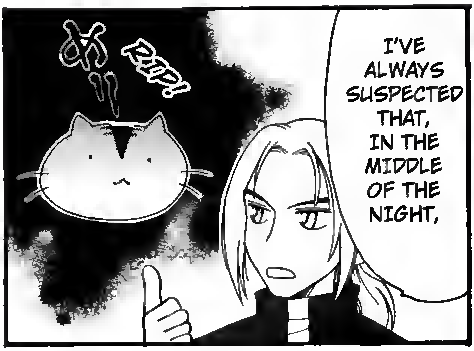
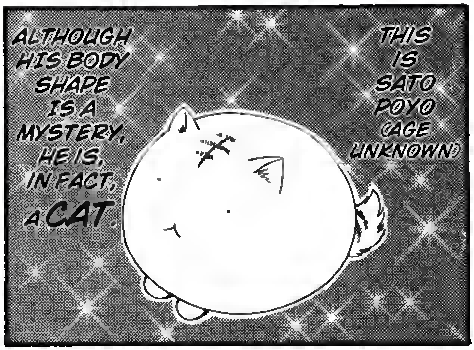
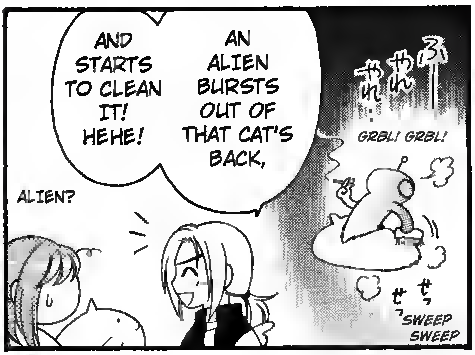
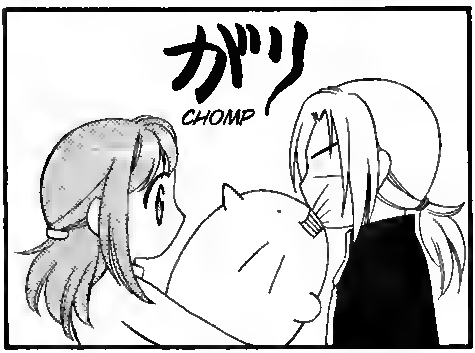
HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HIM, RIGHT ?!
UM... I GUESS...
SEPA-RATED AT BIRTH!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


RIP!
I'VE ALWAYS SUSPECTED THAT, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT,

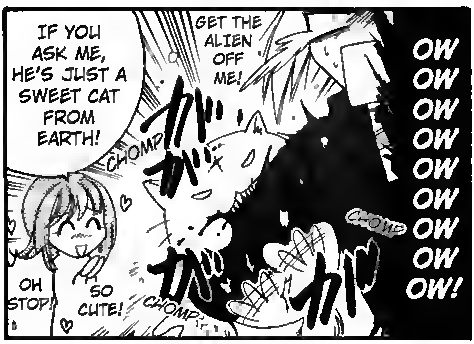

ALTHOUGH HIS BODY SHAPE IS A MYSTERY, HE IS, IN FACT, A CAT.
THIS IS SATO POYO (AGE UNKNOWN)

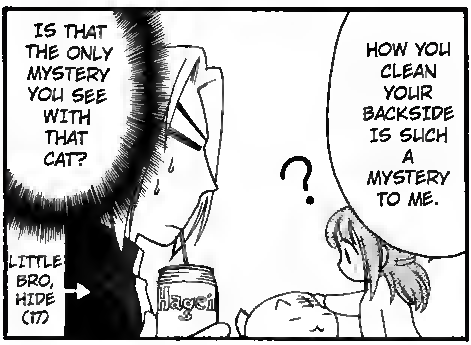

AND STARTS TO CLEAN IT! HEHE!
AN ALIEN BURSTS OUT OF THAT CAT'S BACK,
GRRL! GRRL!
ALIEN?
SWEEP SWEEP

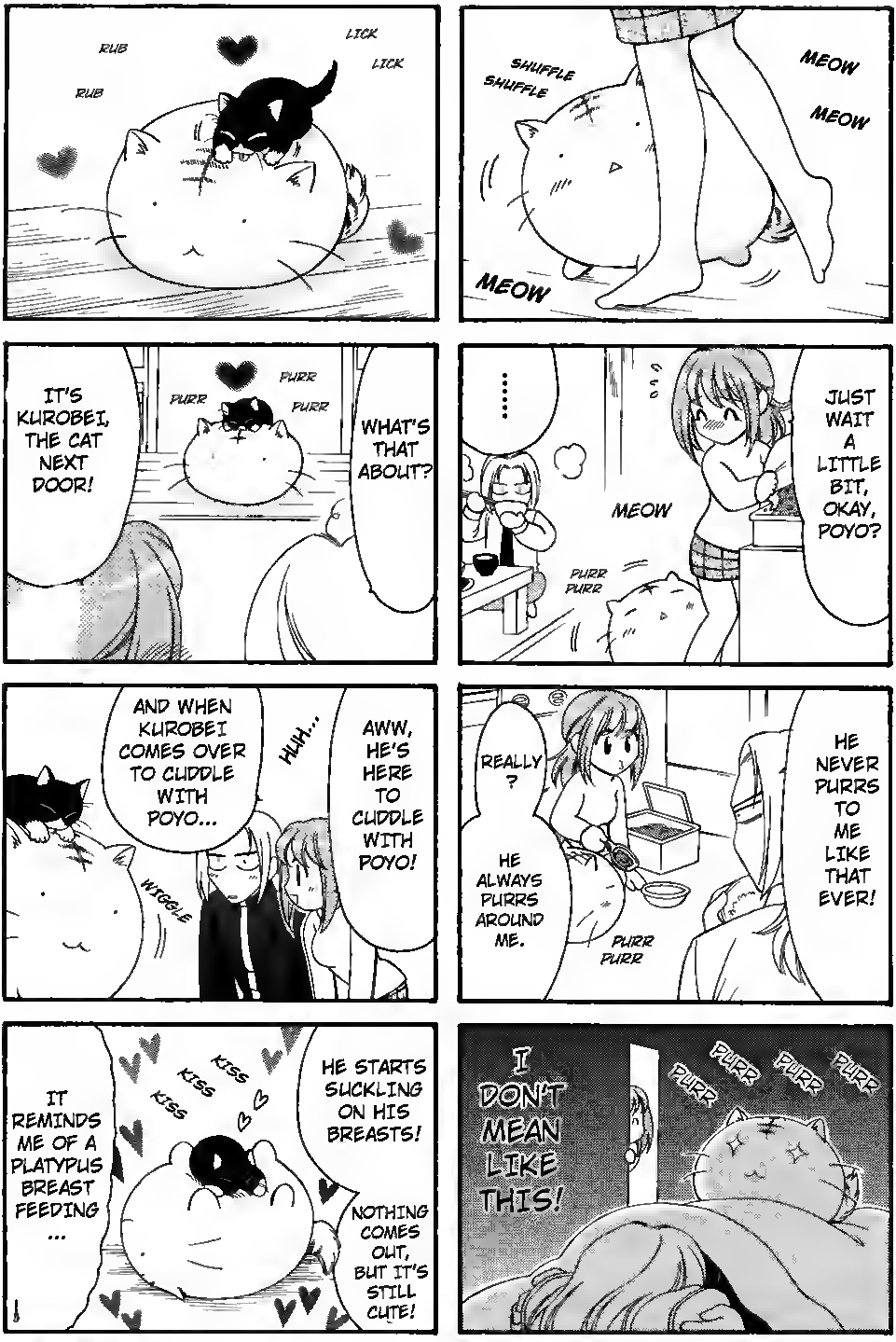
SOMETIMES EVEN I LOOK AT YOU AND FIND YOUR BODY QUITE STRANGE.
IT REALLY IS A MYSTERY ...
THIS IS WHAT HIS OWNER, MOE SATO (22), HAS TO SAY...

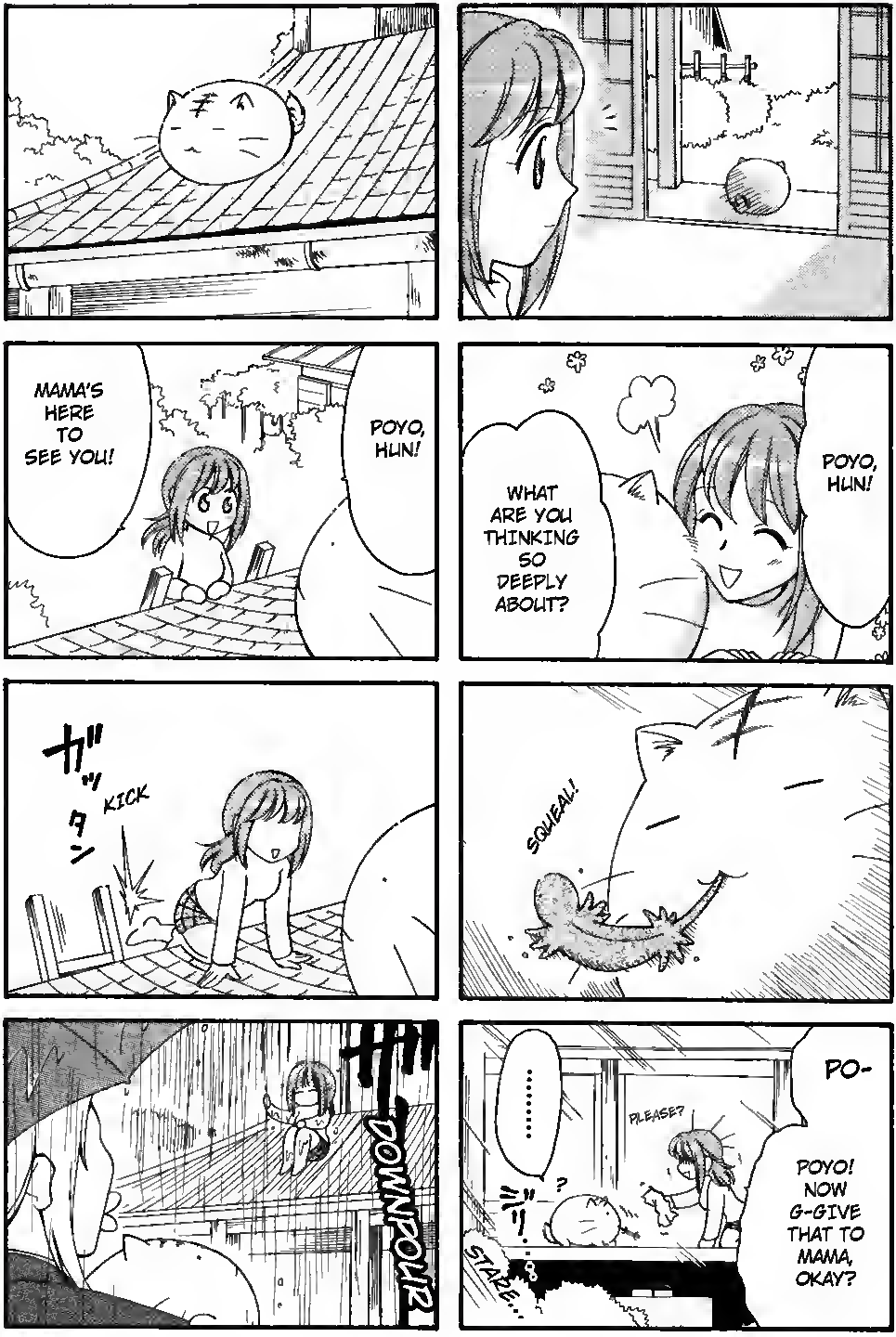

ガリ
CHOMP

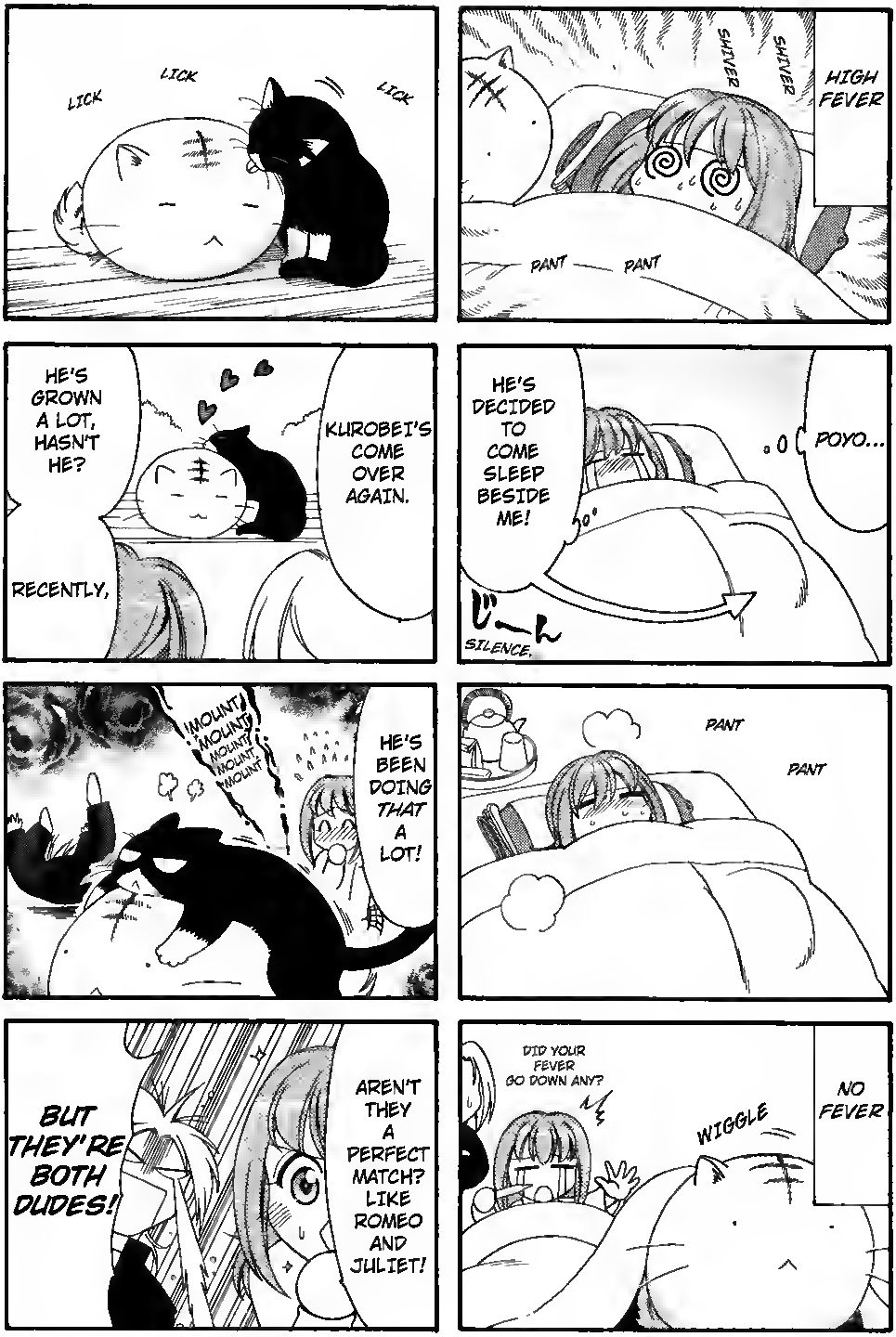
LICK
LICK
LICK


IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S JUST A SWEET CAT FROM EARTH!
GET THE ALIEN OFF ME!
CHOMP
OW OW OW OW OW OW OW OW!
CHOMP
OH STOP!
SO CUTE!
CHOMP


IS THAT THE ONLY MYSTERY YOU SEE WITH THAT CAT?
HOW YOU CLEAN YOUR BACKSIDE IS SUCH A MYSTERY TO ME.
?
LITTLE BRO, HIDE (17)


RUB
RUB
LICK
LICK
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
IT'S KUROBEI, THE CAT NEXT DOOR!
PURR
PURR
PURR
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
MEOW
PURR
PURR
JUST WAIT A LITTLE BIT, OKAY, POYO?
AND WHEN KUROBEI COMES OVER TO CUDDLE WITH POYO...
HUH...
AWW, HE'S HERE TO CUDDLE WITH POYO!
WIGGLE
REALLY ?
HE ALWAYS PURRS AROUND ME.
PURR
PURR
HE NEVER PURRS TO ME LIKE THAT EVER!
IT REMINDS ME OF A PLATYPUS BREAST FEEDING ...
KISS
KISS
KISS
HE STARTS SUCKLING ON HIS BREASTS!
NOTHING COMES OUT, BUT IT'S STILL CUTE!
I DON'T MEAN LIKE THIS!
PURR
PURR
PURR
PURR


MAMA'S HERE TO SEE YOU!
POYO, HUN!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING SO DEEPLY ABOUT?
POYO, HUN!
KICK
SQUEAL!
DOWNPOUR
PLEASE?
STARE...
PO-
POYO! NOW G-GIVE THAT TO MAMA, OKAY?


LICK
LICK
LICK
SHIVER
SHIVER
HIGH FEVER
PANT
PANT
HE'S GROWN A LOT, HASN'T HE?
KUROBEI'S COME OVER AGAIN.
RECENTLY,
HE'S DECIDED TO COME SLEEP BESIDE ME!
POYO...
じーん
SILENCE.
MOUNT! MOUNT! MOUNT! MOUNT! MOUNT!
HE'S BEEN DOING THAT A LOT!
PANT
PANT
BUT THEY'RE BOTH DUDES!
AREN'T THEY A PERFECT MATCH? LIKE ROMEO AND JULIET!
DID YOUR FEVER GO DOWN ANY?
WIGGLE
NO FEVER

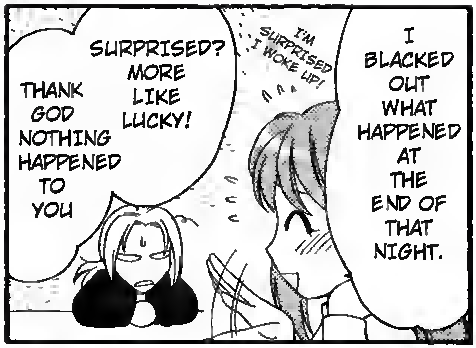
WHY THANK YOU!
HOW KIND!
AWW! WHAT AN ADORABLE CAT YOU HAVE!
COOL BREEZE
AHHH, REFRESHING!
THAT PILLOW CUSHION IS QUITE ADORABLE TOO!
OKAY, I'LL TAKE IT!
SOME DELICIOUS PASTRIES!
MISS SATO, THERE'S A PACKAGE FOR YOU!
SLOBBER
SLOBBER
ぐい
THRUST
DID YOU HEAR THAT, POYO?! HE SAID YOU'RE ADORABLE!
IT'S ALIVE!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

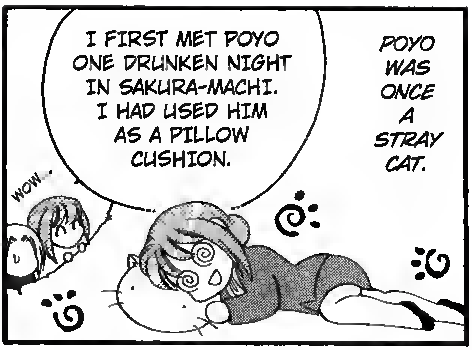
THIS IS MOE'S LITTLE BROTHER, HIDE (17)
YOU REALLY ARE A ROUND BLOB, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT'S INSIDE YOU?
THIS IS POYO SATO.
MEOW
A CAT WITH A UNIQUE BODY SHAPE.
HE IS JOINED TO THE HIP BY HIS OWNER, MOE SATO (22).
POYO, YOU ARE SOOOO CUTE!
WATER? FAT?
SQUEEZE
PINCH
COOKIE DOUGH?!
STOP IT!
CUTE! CUTE! CUTE!
KYUUUUTE!
SQUEEZE!
M-MUSCLE?!
GULP!
BOING!

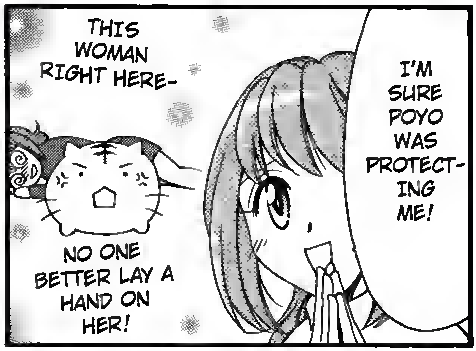
A RABBIT'S FUR COAT!
I'LL BE WEARING IT NEXT ♡WINTER
I BOUGHT THIS BECAUSE IT WAS ON SALE!
DO YOU TAKE CARE OF A CAT, MA'AM?
YES!
NOTICE
YOU SHOULD TRY TO GRAB IT BY THE NAPE OF ITS NECK
IS IT REAL?
OF COURSE NOT! IT'S FAKE FUR!
IT WAS SO CHEAP!
RABBIT...
IF IT DOESN'T LIFT UP ITS LEGS, THEN IT'S A DOCILE HOUSE CAT.
IF THE CAT LIFTS ITS LEGS UP, IT MEANS IT'S A BARN CAT THAT CATCHES MICE.
CHOMP!
IT WAS REAL...
IT'S DEMON POSSESSED!!!
GRRR
WILD
WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?!
HARD TO SAY...
WHICH DO YOU THINK POYO IS?

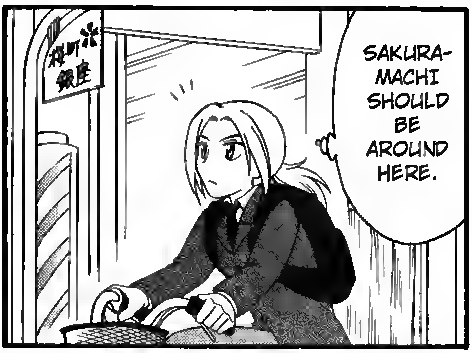
HIGH SCHOOLER
ORGAN-IZING PHOTOS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME...
I HAVE SO MANY PICTURES OF POYO!
I THOUGHT IT WAS CUTE.
CLATTER
I'M NOT IN PRESCHOOL!
DON'T PUT STICKERS OF POYO ON MY LUNCH BOX!
THERE! THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM!
SLIP
SO I WENT OUT AND BOUGHT LOTS OF PHOTO ALBUMS TODAY!
SCRAMBLED EGGS
FISH-POWDER
SEAWEED
NOW THAT'S A LITTLE EXCES-SIVE ...
SLAM
PHEW
A SET OF TEN COMPLETE ALBUMS OF EXOTIC PHOTOS!
CHOCK FULL OF POYO PICS

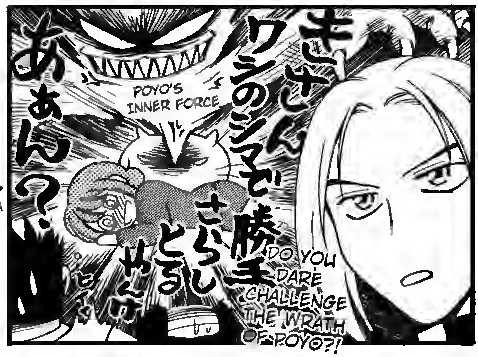
SNORE
NEWTON
ON WEEKDAYS, SHE PACKS LUNCH FOR EVERYONE
MOE IS A GOOD COOK.
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD SLEEPING OUT HERE LIKE THAT!
HIDE!
HIDE, YOUR LUNCH IS ADORABLE!
POYO WRAP...
IT TASTES GOOD, BUT HER DECORATIVE SENSE IS A LITTLE MUCH, ISN'T IT?
HERE YOU ARE!
POYO EGG
POYO RICE BALL
HAM
PINE NEEDLES
POYO SANDWICH
ZZZ
NOT FUNNY!
YOU LIKE?
NEXT TIME, HOW ABOUT A POYO BURGER MADE WITH GROUND POYO?


I'M SURPRISED I WOKE UP!
I BLACKED OUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE END OF THAT NIGHT.
SURPRISED? MORE LIKE LUCKY!
THANK GOD NOTHING HAPPENED TO YOU

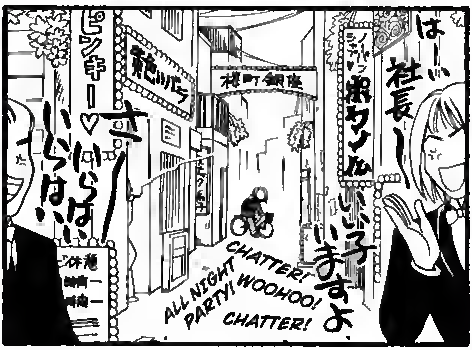


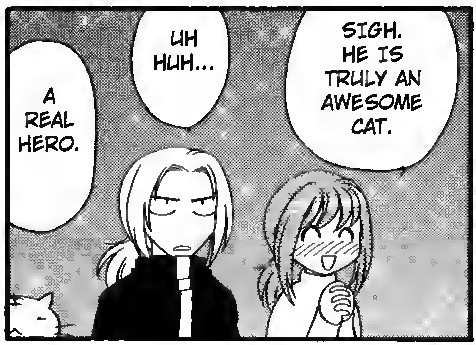


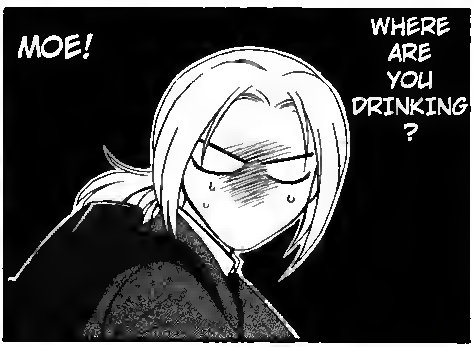


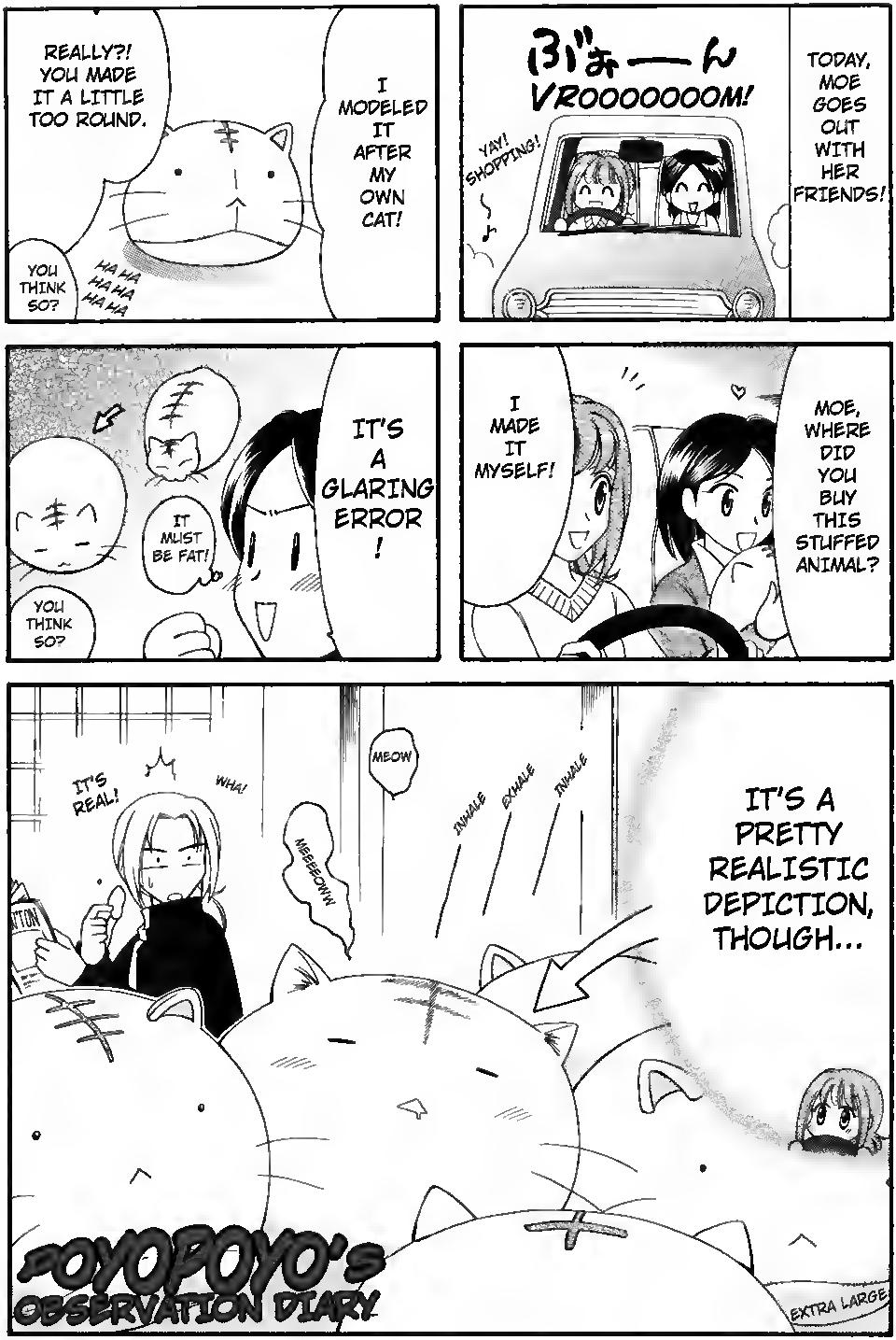


SAKURA MACHI STYLE

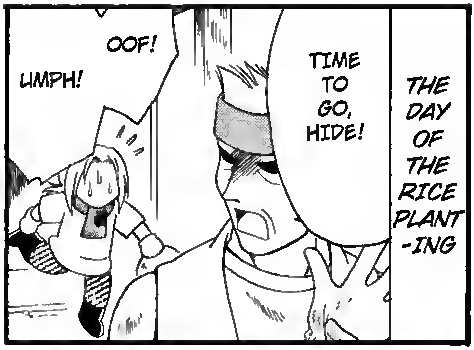


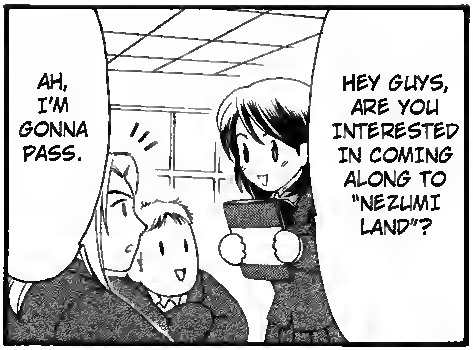


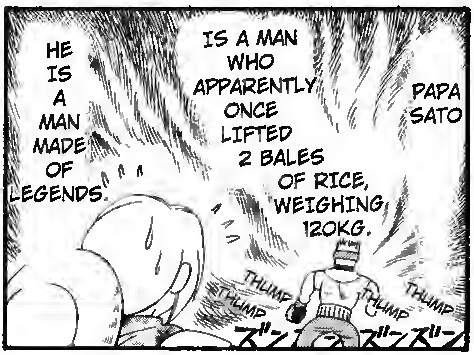



REALLY?! YOU MADE IT A LITTLE TOO ROUND.
I MODELED IT AFTER MY OWN CAT!
YOU THINK SO?
HA HA HA HA HA HA
ぶぁーん VROOOOOOOM!
YAY! SHOPPING!
TODAY, MOE GOES OUT WITH HER FRIENDS!
IT'S A GLARING ERROR!
IT MUST BE FAT!
YOU THINK SO?
I MADE IT MYSELF!
MOE, WHERE DID YOU BUY THIS STUFFED ANIMAL?
IT'S REAL!
WHA!
MEOW
MEEBEOWW
INHALE
EXHALE
INHALE
IT'S A PRETTY REALISTIC DEPICTION, THOUGH...
EXTRA LARGE
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!
ARGH!
AN ADORABLE JAPANESE CAT WITH A BULBOUS BODY
THIS IS POYO SATO.
HE SEEMS TO LIKE HANGING AROUND THERE THESE DAYS.
DO SOME-THING ABOUT YOUR CAT, SISTER!
I'M HOME!
UH
FOR MY SAKE, BE A DEAR AND LEND HIM YOUR ROOM.
WEAK.
A 22-YEAR OLD GIRL INFATUATED BY POYO.
THIS IS MOE SATO.
IT'S NOT PETTY!
ARGH!
IT'S NOT WORTH ARGUING OVER SUCH PETTY THINGS.
WEAK.
SHE'S NOT ALL THERE, THAT GIRL.
WE'LL FIX THAT!
SMOOCH!
YOU'RE A BALL OF FLEAS THIS YEAR, TOO, POYO!


THE DAY OF THE RICE PLANT-ING
TIME TO GO, HIDE!
OOF!
UMPH!


HEY GUYS, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMING ALONG TO "NEZUMI LAND"?
AH, I'M GONNA PASS.


PAPA SATO
IS A MAN WHO APPARENTLY ONCE LIFTED 2 BALES OF RICE, WEIGHING 120KG.
HE IS A MAN MADE OF LEGENDS.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
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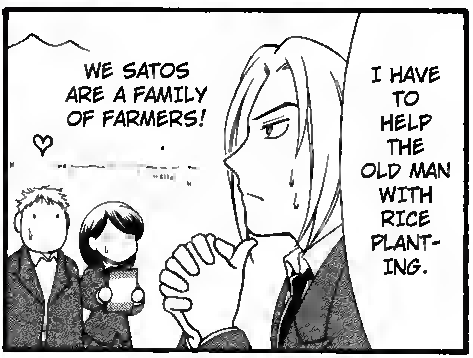
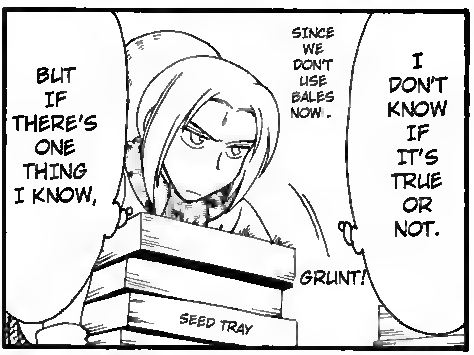
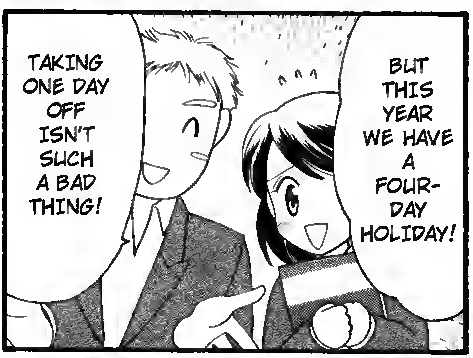
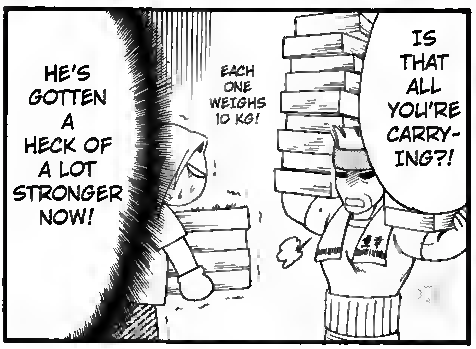
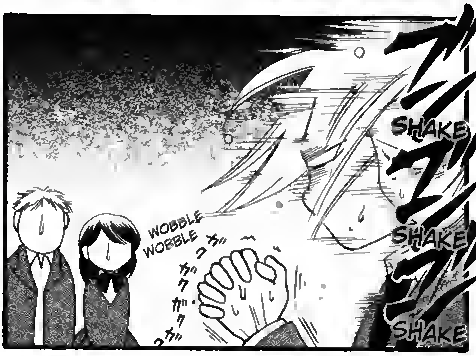

I HAVE TO HELP THE OLD MAN WITH RICE PLANT-ING.
WE SATOS ARE A FAMILY OF FARMERS!


I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE OR NOT.
SINCE WE DON'T USE BALES NOW.
BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW,
GRUNT!
SEED TRAY

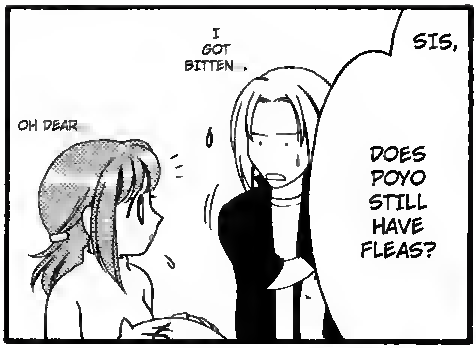

BUT THIS YEAR WE HAVE A FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY!
TAKING ONE DAY OFF ISN'T SUCH A BAD THING!

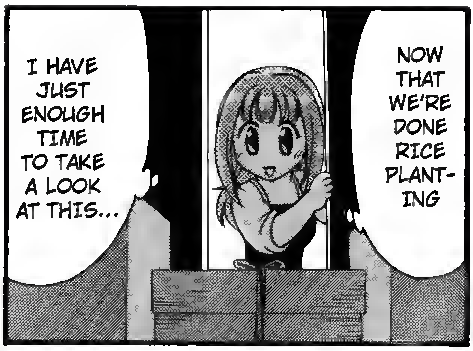

IS THAT ALL YOU'RE CARRY-ING?!
EACH ONE WEIGHS 10 KG!
HE'S GOTTEN A HECK OF A LOT STRONGER NOW!

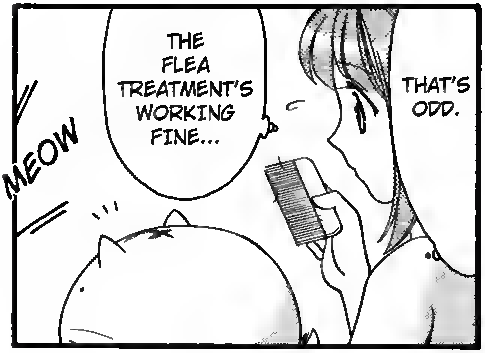

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
WOBBLE WOBBLE

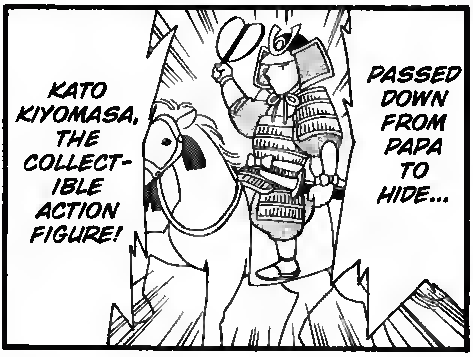
IT'S LUNCH-TIME!
CLANG! CLANG!
PAPA SATO, SHOWING THE WORLD HIS STRENGTH.
AMAZING
HOP!
MEOW MEOW
PAPA, YOU'RE SENSITIVE, AREN'T YOU?
I CAN'T EAT THIS!
ARE THESE TWO REALLY RELATED?
MUNCH! MUNCH!
LATERAL MOVEMENT
PAPA SATO, SHOWING THE WORLD HIS WEAK SPOT FOR CATS.

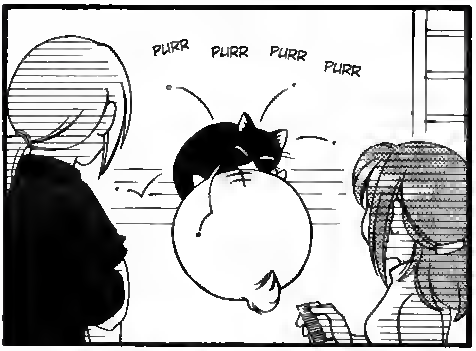
ON THE LAST DAY OF RICE PLANT-ING
GOTTA FINISH ALL OF THIS BY TODAY!
IT'S GONNA RAIN TOMORROW!
HUSTLE BUSTLE HUSTLE BUSTLE
LOOKS GOOD!
THE SATOS EVEN GROW CUCUM-BERS AND TOMATOES
WE COULD USE A HAND, POYO!
PURRRRRRR
TOUCH.
THUMP
WHUMP
NYAA?!
YOU ARE SO CUTE !!!
SQUEEZE
LOTS OF DEAD WEIGHT TODAY
WHAT'S WITH THE VICTIM COMPLEX?!

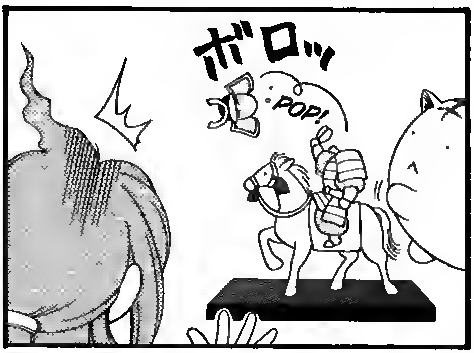

SIS,
DOES POYO STILL HAVE FLEAS?
I GOT BITTEN.
OH DEAR

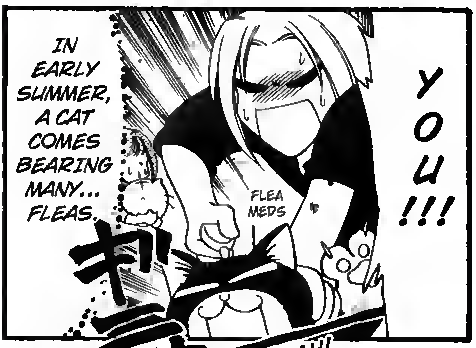

NOW THAT WE'RE DONE RICE PLANTING
I HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...

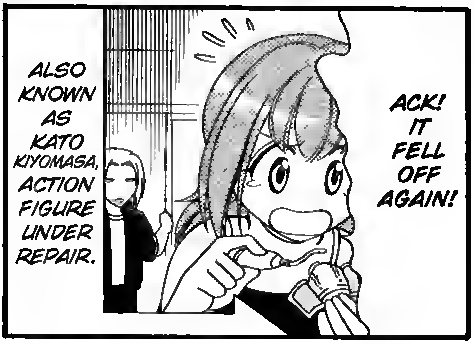

MEOW
THE FLEA TREATMENT'S WORKING FINE...
THAT'S ODD.


KATO KIYOMASA, THE COLLECTIBLE ACTION FIGURE!
PASSED DOWN FROM PAPA TO HIDE...


PURR PURR PURR PURR


ボロッ
POP!


IN EARLY SUMMER, A CAT COMES BEARING MANY... FLEAS.
FLEA MEDS
YOU!!!
NYAAAAH!


ALSO KNOWN AS KATO KIYOMASA, ACTION FIGURE UNDER REPAIR.
ACK! IT FELL OFF AGAIN!

ONE DAY IN EARLY SUMMER,
AWOOOO
SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE SATO FAMILY'S CAT.
ALONG WITH HER LITTLE BROTHER, HIDE.
TAKE A LOOK
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
THE OWNER, MOE SATO LOOKS ON,
HEY!
DON'T YOU THINK POYO HAS GOTTEN BIGGER?
HE WAS SMALLER THAN THAT FLOOR CUSHION BEFORE.
NOW HE'S THE EXACT SAME SIZE!
♡
POYO IS GETTING ROUNDER AND ROUNDER...
LOVE
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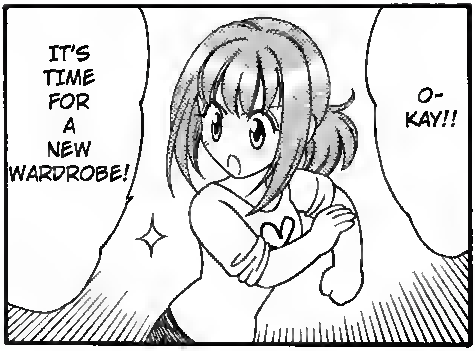
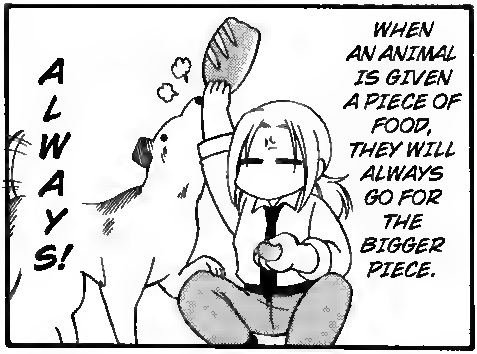
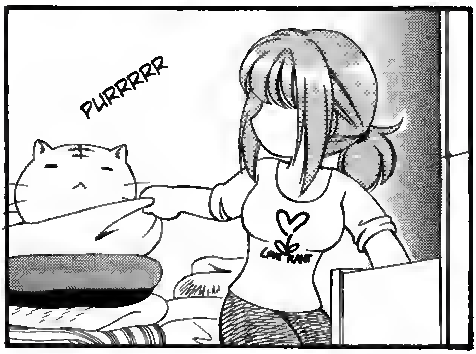
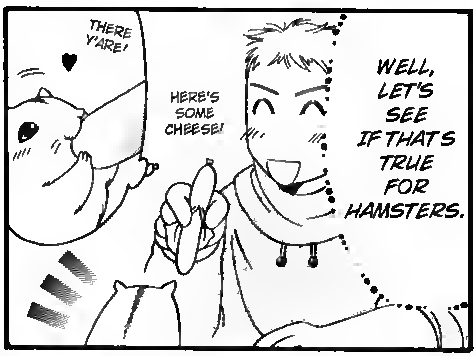
POYOOOOO
SOMEONE NEEDS TO TAKE AN X-RAY OF THAT THING...
WHAT IS IT?
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

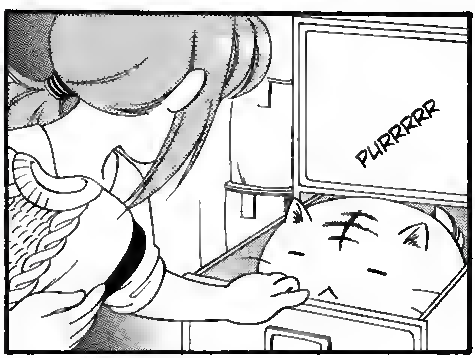
TOMORROW WE WILL MEET AGAIN
PURR
PURR
PURR
海苔
WHEN TWO PEOPLE WHO DISLIKE EACH OTHER ARE STUCK IN THE SAME PLACE.
"ENEMIES IN A BOAT"
POYO'S PURRING AT ME?
WHAT?
WAS IT 'CAUSE I REMOVED HIS FLEAS?!
PURR
PURR
PURR
海苔
HERE, HAVE A PIECE.
SHAKE SHAKE
OH, YOU WANT A PIECE OF DRIED SEAWEED!
JUST THOUGHT I'D HELP...
NO FIGHTS TODAY?
WOW! SINCE WHEN DO YOU REMOVE POYO'S FLEAS?!
ばく
MUNCH!
海
EXPECT-ATION
HOW IS STUDYING FOR YOUR TEST GOING?!


IT'S TIME FOR A NEW WARDROBE!
O-KAY!!


ALWAYS!
WHEN AN ANIMAL IS GIVEN A PIECE OF FOOD, THEY WILL ALWAYS GO FOR THE BIGGER PIECE.


PURRRRR


THERE Y'ARE!
HERE'S SOME CHEESE!
WELL, LET'S SEE IF THAT'S TRUE FOR HAMSTERS.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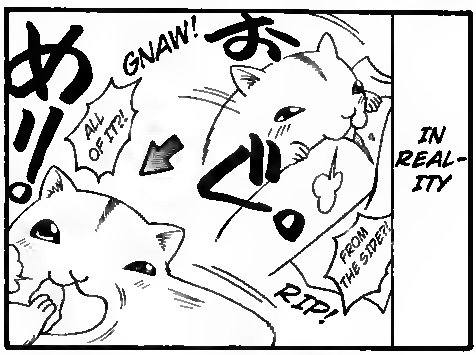
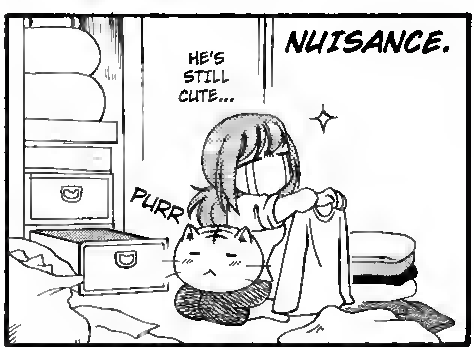
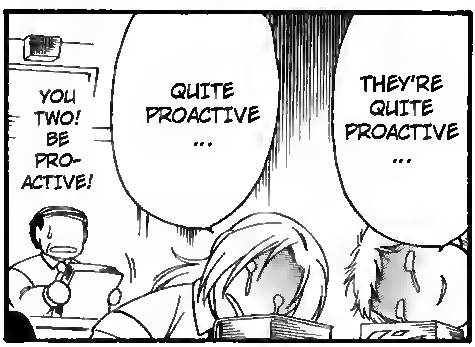
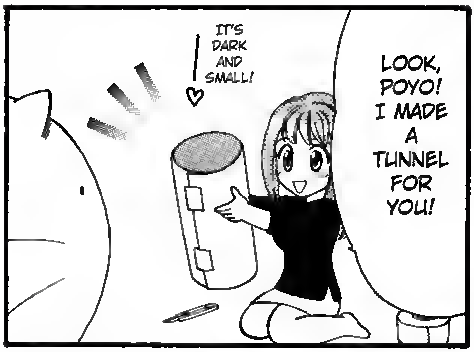
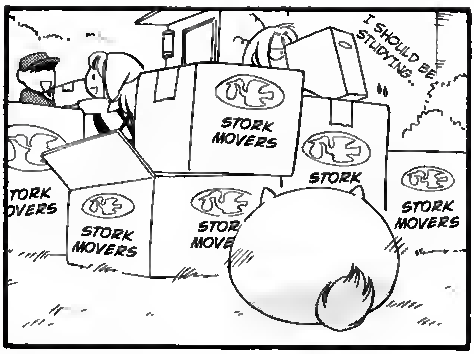

GNAW!
ALL OF IT?!
FROM THE SIDE?
RIP!
IN REAL-ITY


NUISANCE.
HE'S STILL CUTE...
PURR


YOU TWO! BE PRO-ACTIVE!
QUITE PROACTIVE ...
THEY'RE QUITE PROACTIVE ...


IT'S DARK AND SMALL!
LOOK, POYO! I MADE A TUNNEL FOR YOU!


I SHOULD BE STUDYING...
STORK MOVERS
STORK
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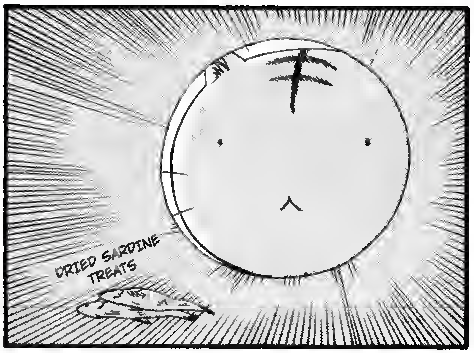
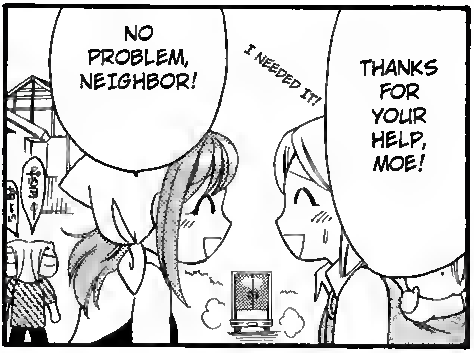
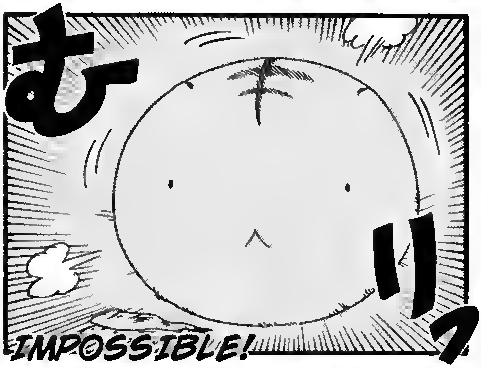

DRIED SARDINE TREATS


NO PROBLEM, NEIGHBOR!
I NEEDED IT!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, MOE!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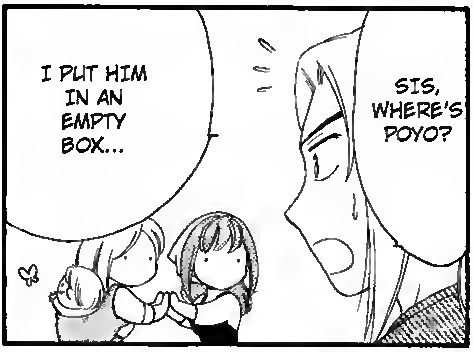
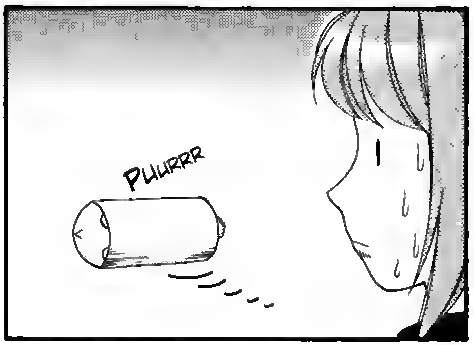
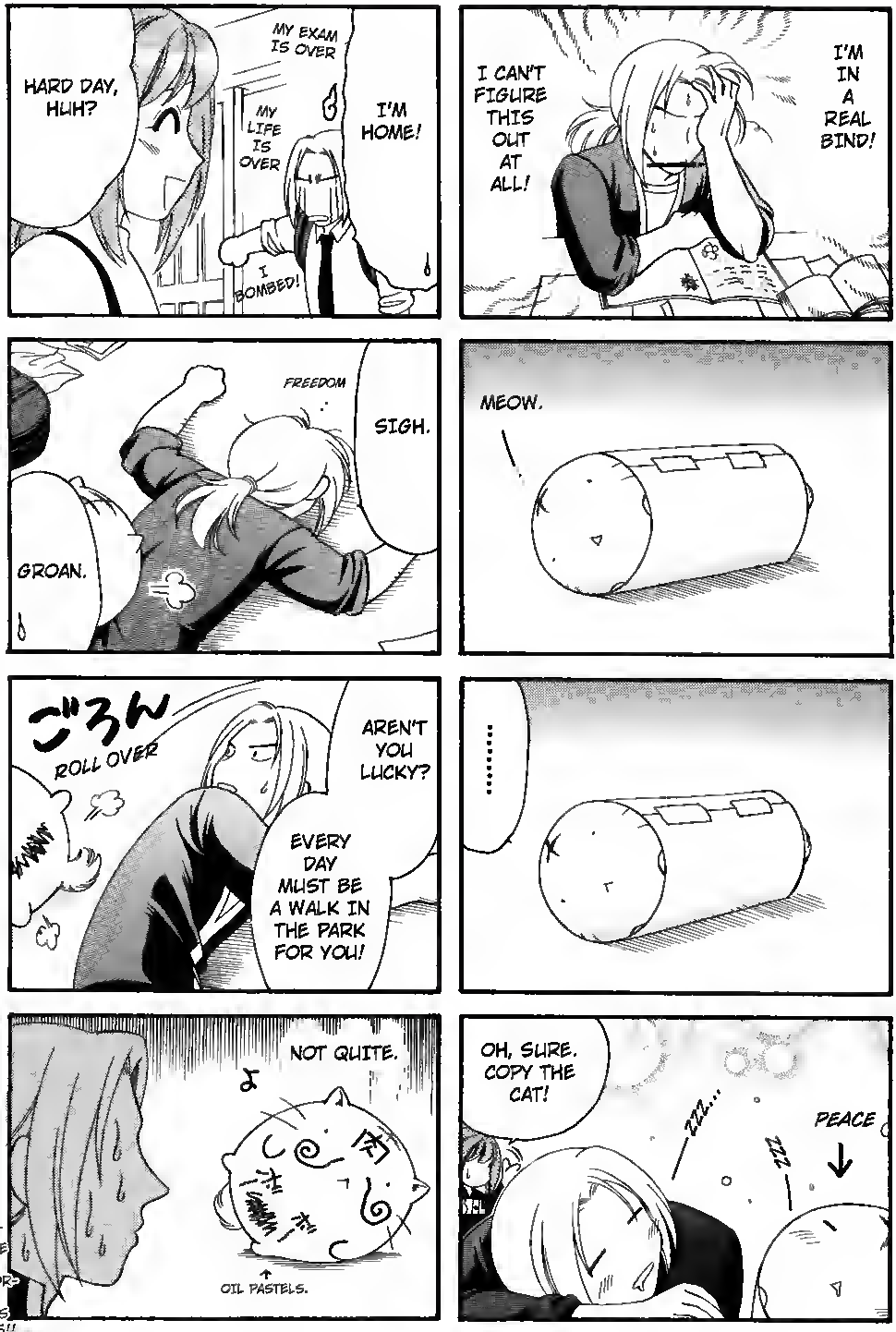
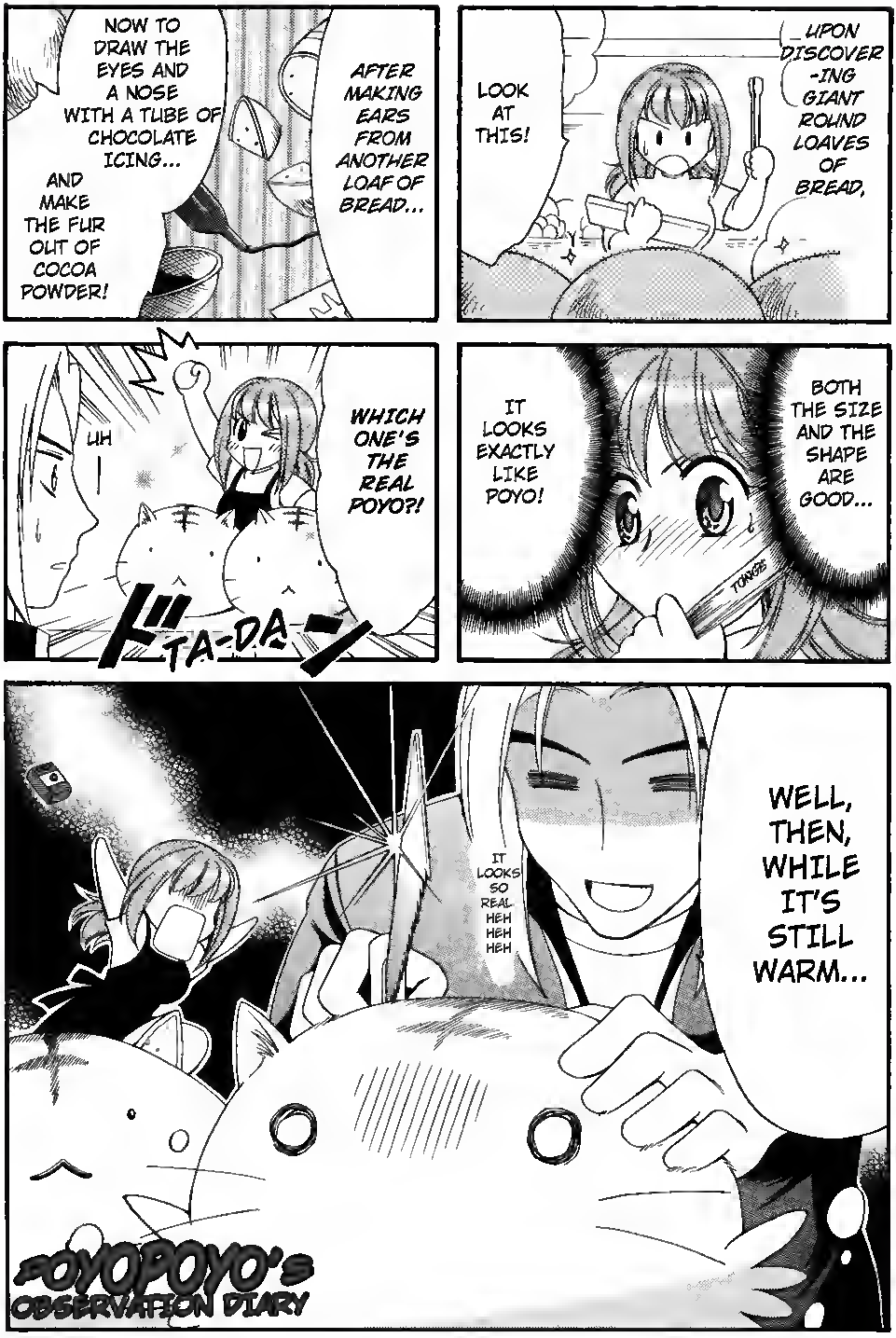
IMPOSSIBLE!

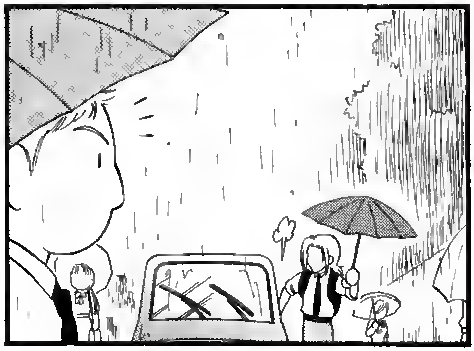

I PUT HIM IN AN EMPTY BOX...
SIS, WHERE'S POYO?

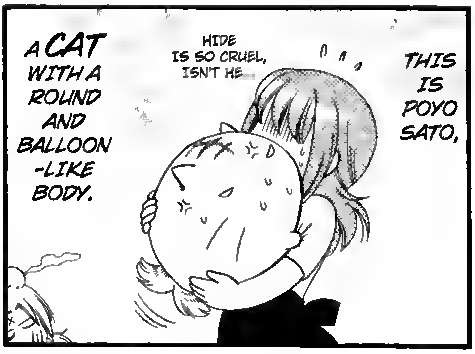

PUURRR

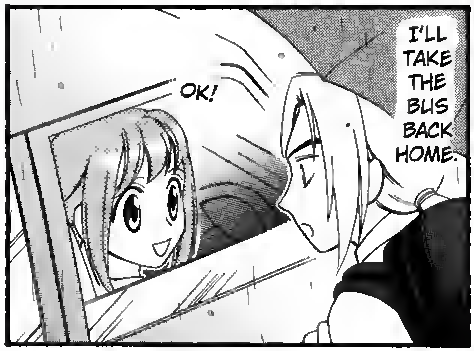
IT'S A GHOST !!
AHH !!!
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
NYAAA!

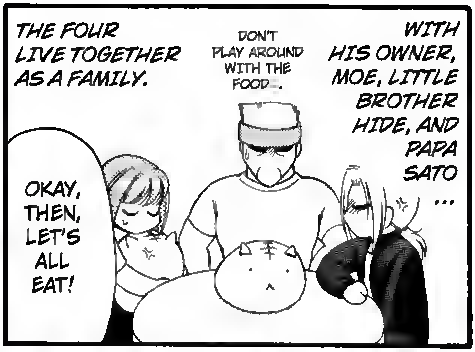

HARD DAY, HUH?
MY EXAM IS OVER
I'M HOME!
MY LIFE IS OVER
I BOMBED!
I CAN'T FIGURE THIS OUT AT ALL!
I'M IN A REAL BIND!
FREEDOM
SIGH.
GROAN.
MEOW.
ごろん
ROLL OVER
AREN'T YOU LUCKY?
EVERY DAY MUST BE A WALK IN THE PARK FOR YOU!
.....
NOT QUITE.
OIL PASTELS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD RASCALS DID THIS!!
OH, SURE. COPY THE CAT!
ZZZ...
ZZZ
PEACE

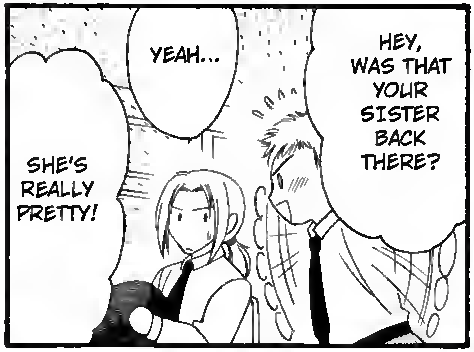

NOW TO DRAW THE EYES AND A NOSE WITH A TUBE OF CHOCOLATE ICING...
AND MAKE THE FUR OUT OF COCOA POWDER!
AFTER MAKING EARS FROM ANOTHER LOAF OF BREAD...
LOOK AT THIS!
UPON DISCOVER-ING GIANT ROUND LOAVES OF BREAD,
UH !
WHICH ONE'S THE REAL POYO?!
TA-DA-
IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE POYO!
BOTH THE SIZE AND THE SHAPE ARE GOOD...
TONGUE
IT LOOKS SO REAL HEH HEH HEH
WELL, THEN, WHILE IT'S STILL WARM...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

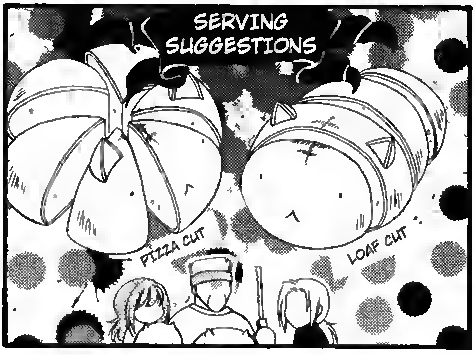



A CAT WITH A ROUND AND BALLOON -LIKE BODY.
HIDE IS SO CRUEL, ISN'T HE
THIS IS POYO SATO,

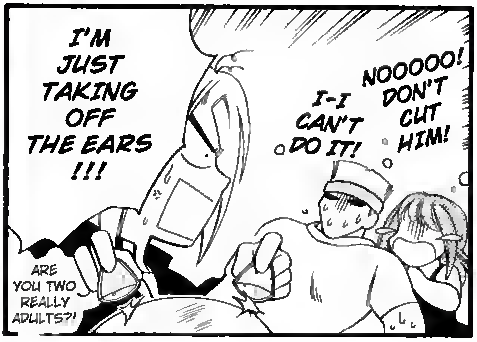

I'LL TAKE THE BUS BACK HOME.
OK!


THE FOUR LIVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.
DON'T PLAY AROUND WITH THE FOOD...
WITH HIS OWNER, MOE, LITTLE BROTHER HIDE, AND PAPA SATO ...
OKAY, THEN, LET'S ALL EAT!


HEY, WAS THAT YOUR SISTER BACK THERE?
YEAH...
SHE'S REALLY PRETTY!

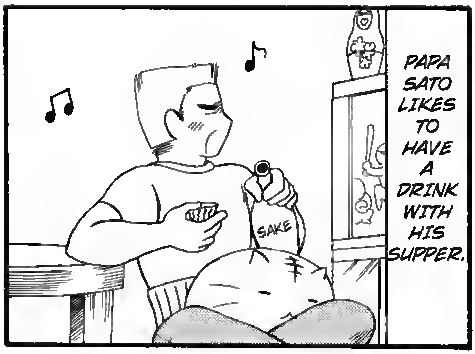

SERVING SUGGESTIONS
PIZZA CUT
LOAF CUT

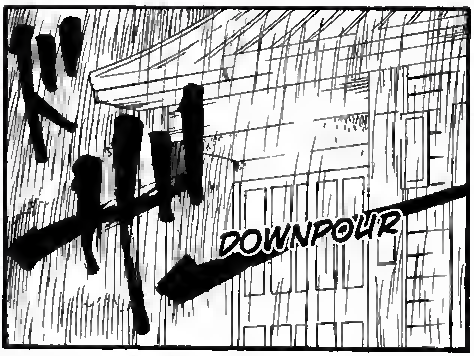
MMMM! YOU SMELL LIKE HER CAR !!!
すんが SNIFF SNIFF すんが SNIFF
GROSS! GET OFF ME!


I'M JUST TAKING OFF THE EARS !!!
I-I CAN'T DO IT!
NOOOOO! DON'T CUT HIM!
ARE YOU TWO REALLY ADULTS?!

TWO GUYS ARE GOING AT IT!
LOOK OVER THERE!

DOWNPOUR
YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE?
MEOW!
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
SIGH. HIDE'S SO STRONG!
MAKI LIKES STRONG MEN!
OOOH!
OR ELSE YOU'LL CATCH A COLD, YOU KNOW?
TODAY, LET'S JUST PLAY INSIDE!
HIS SISTER MAKES HIS LUNCH FOR HIM!
BUT HIS LUNCH BOX IS ALWAYS SO FANCY!
OW! OW! OW!
OK, POYO! OK!
MAKI HAS A "HIDE" FETISH!
OOOH!
I KNOW HE GETS EMBARRASED WHEN HE EATS IT, BUT I STILL LOVE HIM!!!
フンガ! SNIFF!


PAPA SATO LIKES TO HAVE A DRINK WITH HIS SUPPER.
SAKE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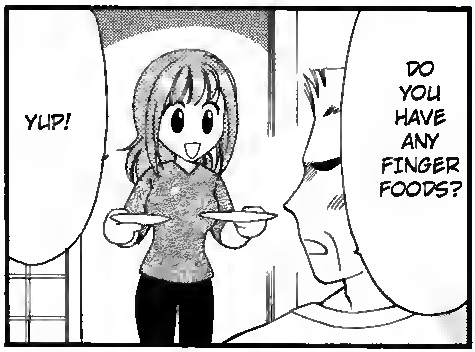
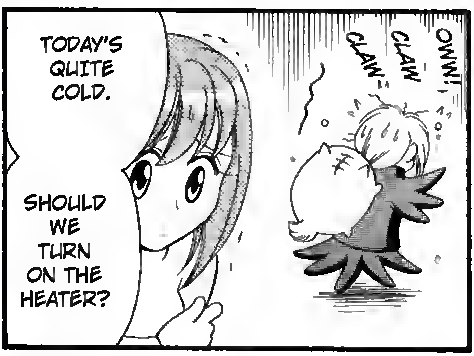
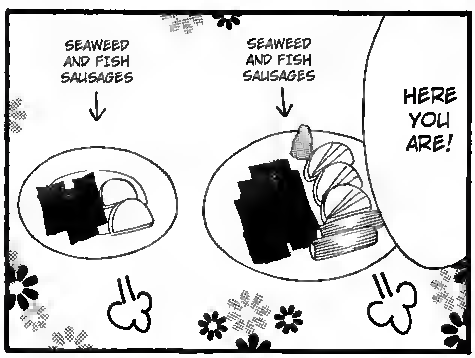

DO YOU HAVE ANY FINGER FOODS?
YUP!


TODAY'S QUITE COLD.
SHOULD WE TURN ON THE HEATER?
CLAW!
CLAW!
OWW!


SEAWEED AND FISH SAUSAGES
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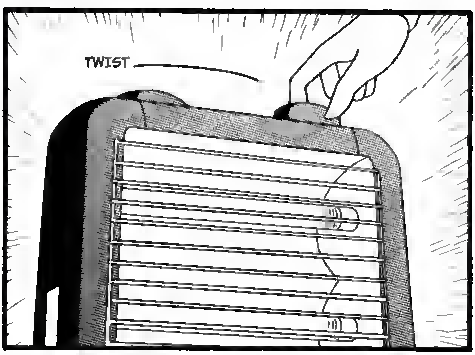
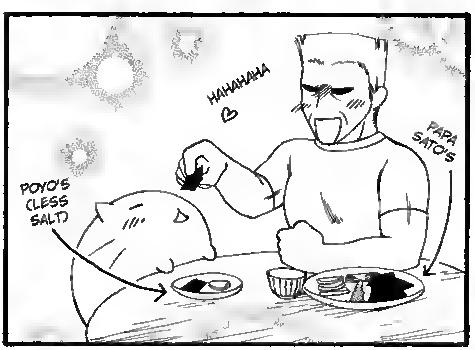
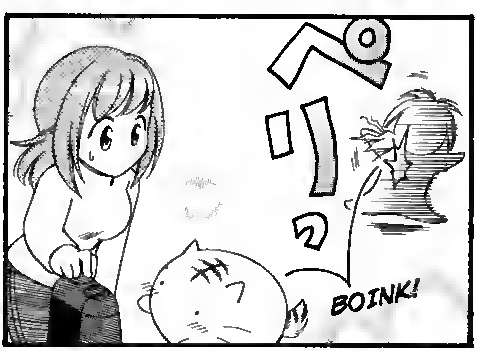
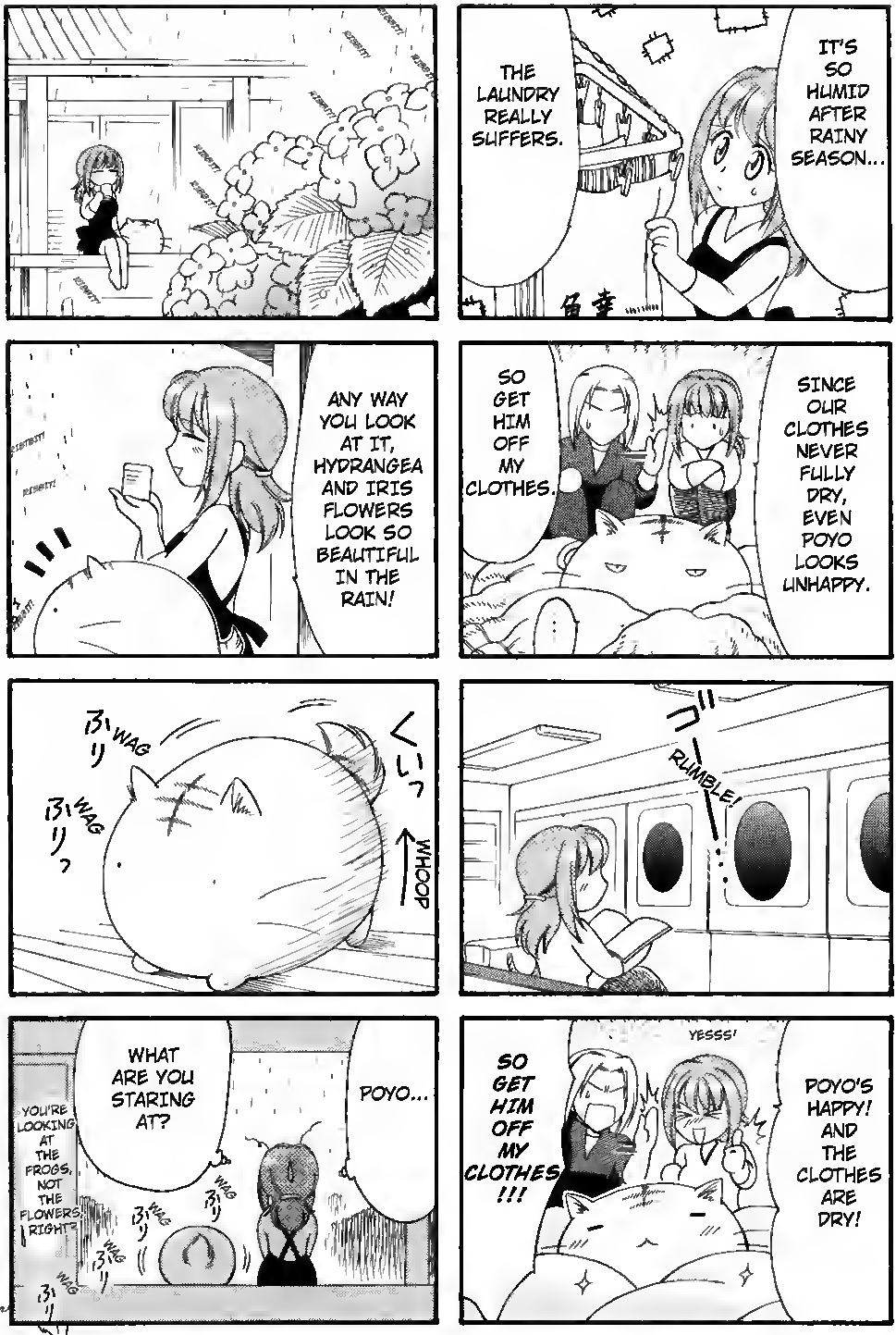
HERE YOU ARE!


TWIST


HAHAHAHA
POYO'S CLESS SALT
PAPA SATO'S

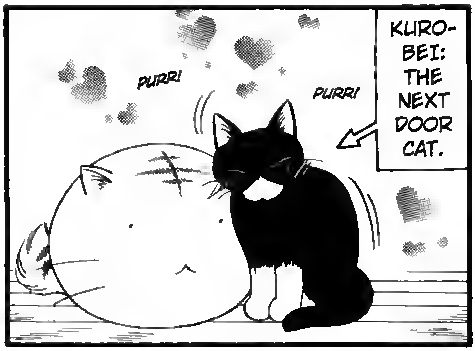

BOINK!

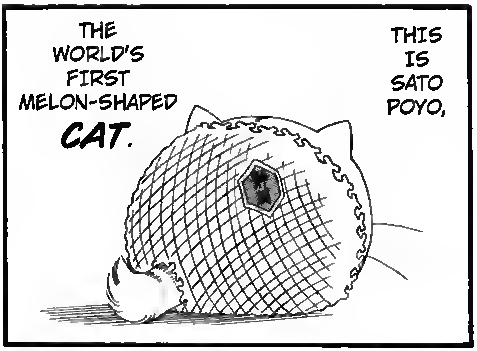
GROSS!
THIS BREAD IS MOLDY!
MOLD!
THE BREAD'S MOLDY, THE BATHROOM'S MOLDY...
I HATE WHEN IT'S HUMID...
RUB RUB
すりすり
GREEN
!?
SCENERY SAND (GREEN)
EEEEEK!

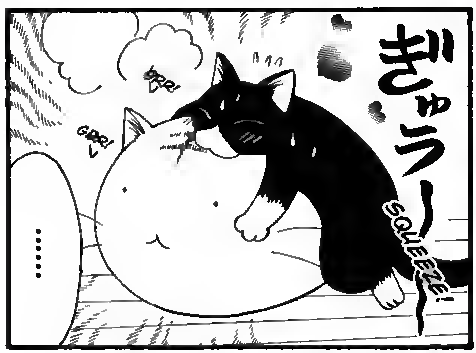

RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!
THE LAUNDRY REALLY SUFFERS.
IT'S SO HUMID AFTER RAINY SEASON...
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, HYDRANGEA AND IRIS FLOWERS LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL IN THE RAIN!
SO GET HIM OFF MY CLOTHES.
SINCE OUR CLOTHES NEVER FULLY DRY, EVEN POYO LOOKS UNHAPPY.
WAG
WAG
WHOOP
RUMBLE!
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE FROGS, NOT THE FLOWERS, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
POYO...
SO GET HIM OFF MY CLOTHES!!!
YESSS!
POYO'S HAPPY! AND THE CLOTHES ARE DRY!

REALLY?!
SIS, I GOT A GIFT FOR OCHUGEN, TOO!
GOURMET MELONS FROM THE ANDES.
ALRIGHT!
MISS SATO, I HAVE A PACKAGE FOR YOU!
ANDES
4 SERVINGS
WOW!
I GOT A GOURMET CANNED CRAB SET FOR OCHUGEN*!
MY SWEET MELLOW MELON KITTY!
YOU ATE IT !!!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

*OCHUGEN IS A GIFT IN THE SUMMER GIVEN TO SHOW THANKS TO CLOSE SUPERIORS, COLLEAGUES AND FAMILY MEMBERS


PURR!
PURR!
KURO-BEI: THE NEXT DOOR CAT.


THE WORLD'S FIRST MELON-SHAPED CAT.
THIS IS SATO POYO,


PURR!
PURR!
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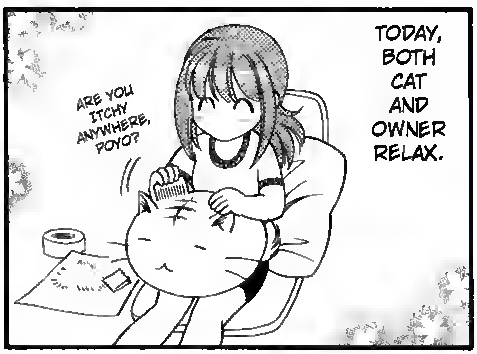
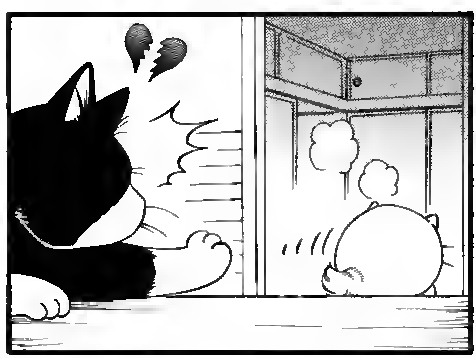
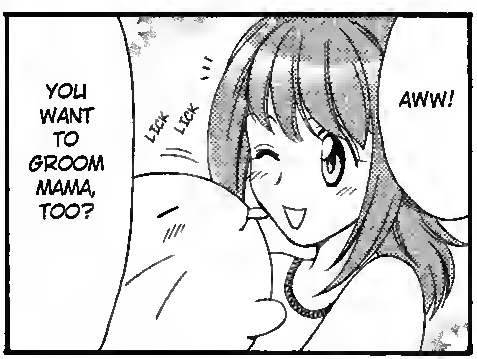
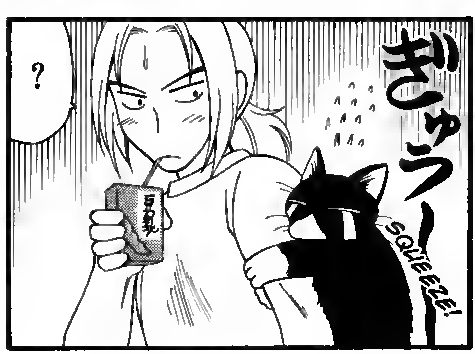
SQUEEZE!


ARE YOU ITCHY ANYWHERE, POYO?
TODAY, BOTH CAT AND OWNER RELAX.




YOU WANT TO GROOM MAMA, TOO?
LICK LICK
AWW!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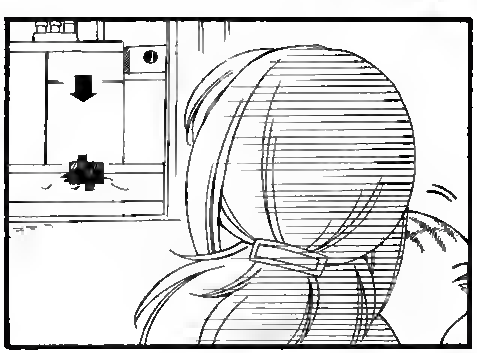
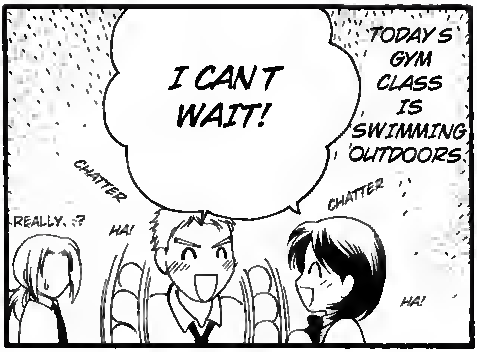
SQUEEZE!

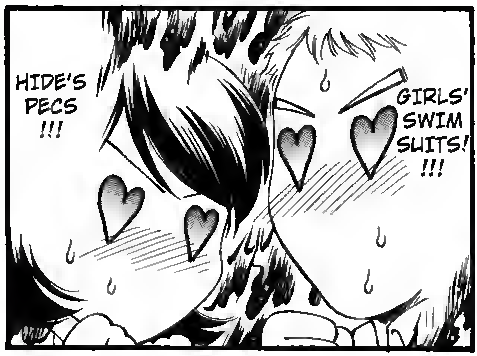


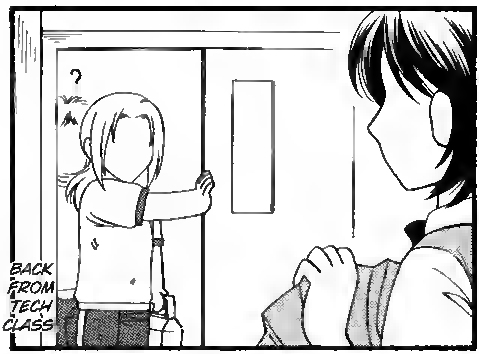
SOMEN NOODLES
LOOK AT YOU TWO GETTING ALONG!
EXCEPT I'M FEELING PRETTY CROWDED.
HOW ABOUT YOU COME OVER TO POYO'S MAMA?!
YOINK
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
KICK
KICK
けりけりけりけりっ
OOF!
BAM!
OH, I GUESS HE PREFERS MALES!
SO IT'S NOT JUST POYO!
MOUNT

カッ
SUNSHINE


I CAN'T WAIT!
TODAY'S GYM CLASS IS SWIMMING OUTDOORS.
CHATTER
CHATTER
REALLY..?
HA!
HA!

IF ONLY TODAY WAS SWIMMING CLASS!
BACK FROM HOME EC. CLASS.
DARN!
FLAP!
FLAP!
SERIOUS -LY...


HIDE'S PECS !!!
GIRLS' SWIM SUITS! !!!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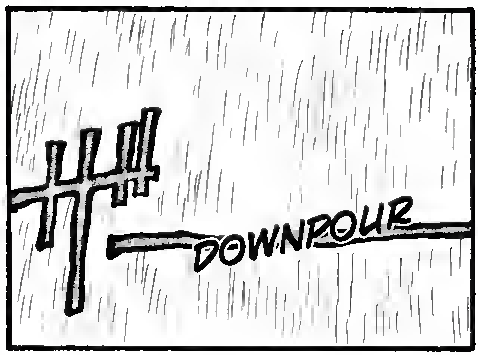
BACK FROM TECH CLASS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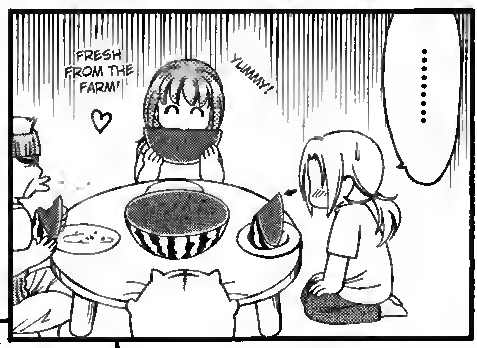
FRESH FROM THE FARM!
YUMMY!
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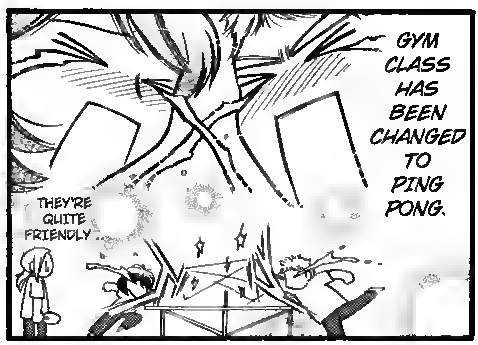
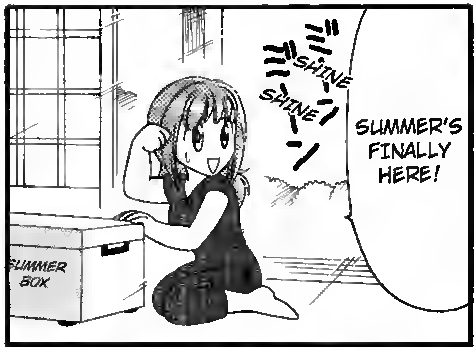
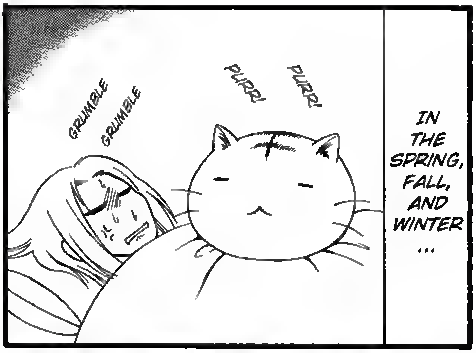
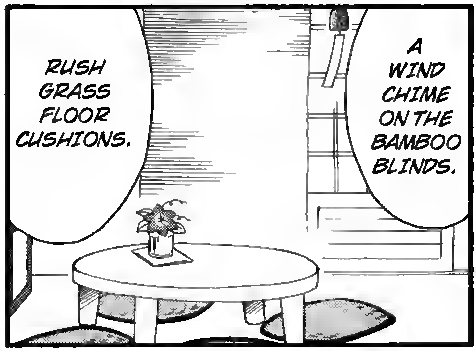

GYM CLASS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO PING PONG.
THEY'RE QUITE FRIENDLY...

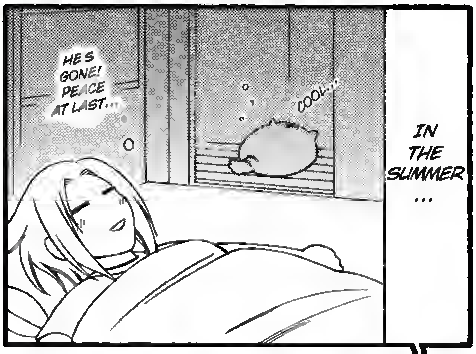
KILL ME

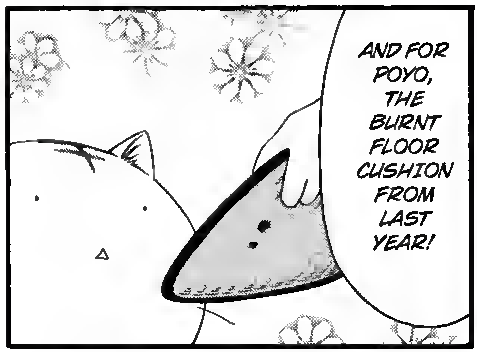
WE CAN'T HAVE ANIMALS HERE, MR. SATO!
ERR... WHAT ANIMAL?
CAUGHT IN THE ACT!
VEGETABLE MARKET
SCREECH!
SCREEECH!!
POUNCE!
WERE YOU HERE THE WHOLE TIME?
MEOW
WHA? POYO!
RAT...
AND IF I LEAVE HIM IN THE CAR, HE'LL SUFFER FROM HEAT EXHAUST-ION.
RUB RUB
ANIMALS AREN'T ALLOWED IN HERE...
THE COOLER'S BROKEN, TOO.
HA HA HA HA!
PUDDING
THANK-YOU GIFT (HUSH MONEY?)
'MORNING!
'MORNING, MR. SATO!
MEOW

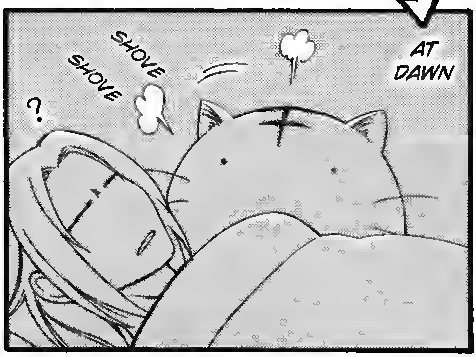

SUMMER BOX
ミーンミーンミーン
SHINE SHINE
SUMMER'S FINALLY HERE!


GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
PURR! PURR!
IN THE SPRING, FALL, AND WINTER ...


RUSH GRASS FLOOR CUSHIONS.
A WIND CHIME ON THE BAMBOO BLINDS.


HE'S GONE! PEACE AT LAST...
COOL...
IN THE SUMMER ...


AND FOR POYO, THE BURNT FLOOR CUSHION FROM LAST YEAR!


AT DAWN
SHOVE SHOVE
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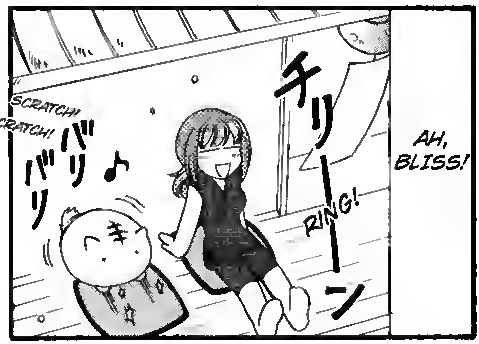
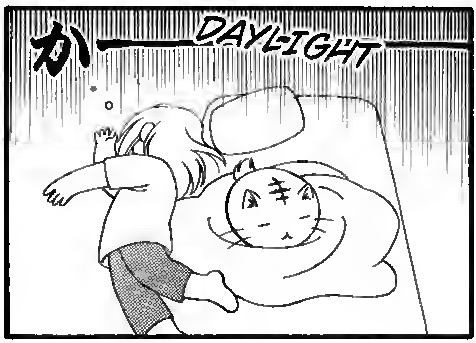
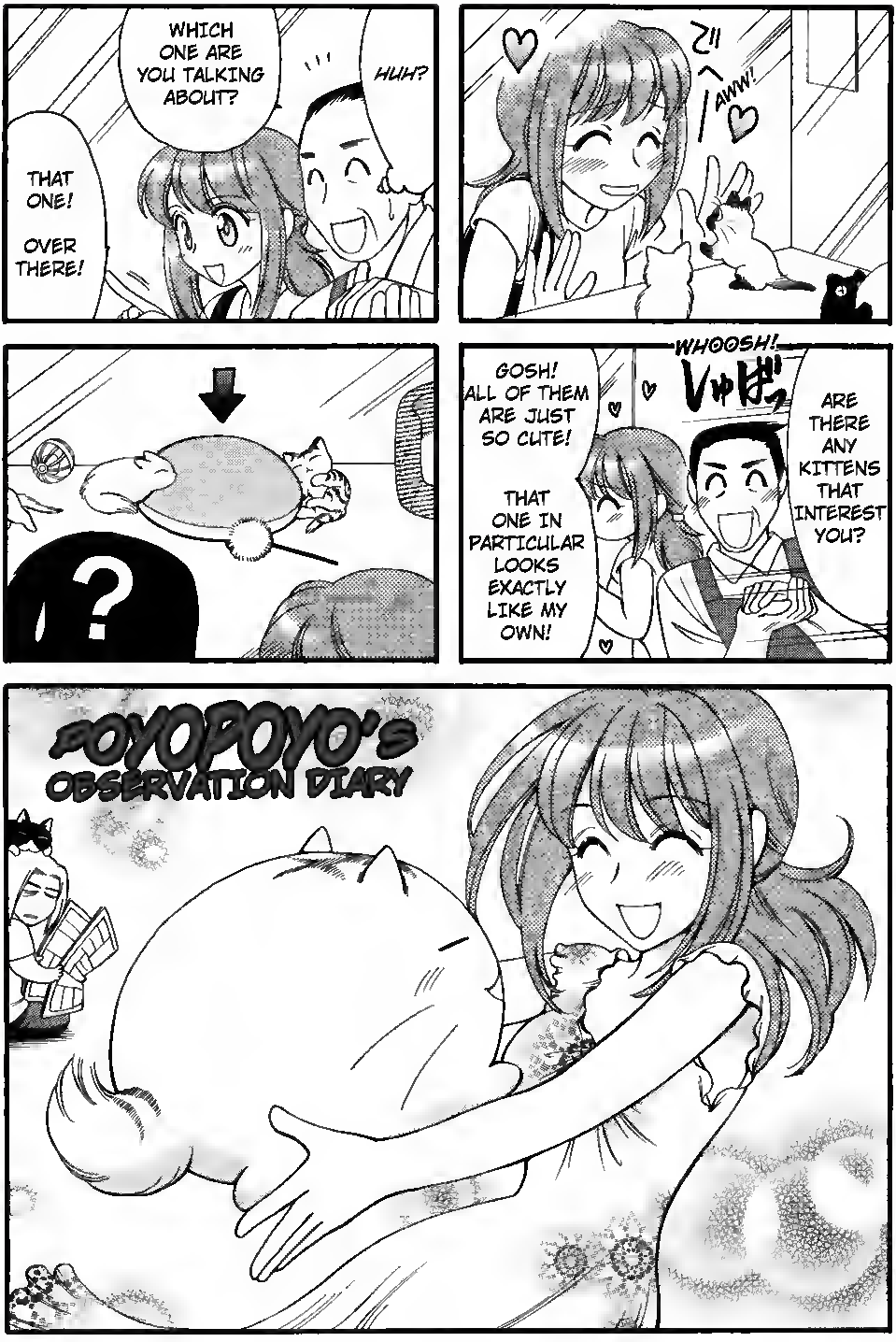
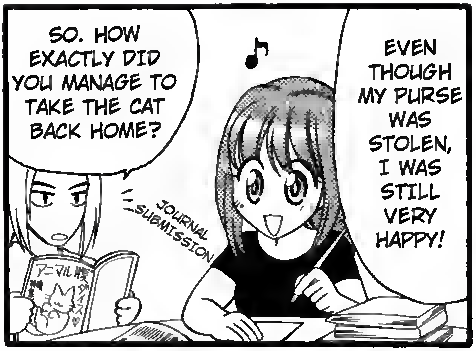
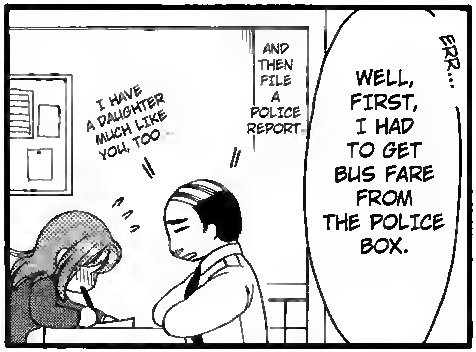
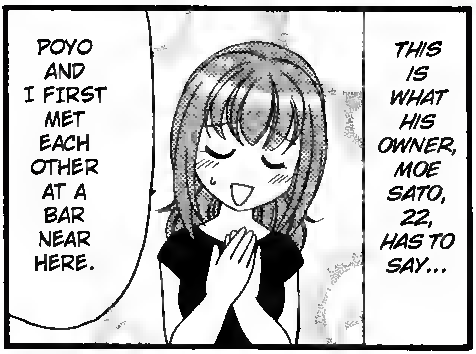

SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
バリバリ♪
チリーン
RING!
AH, BLISS!

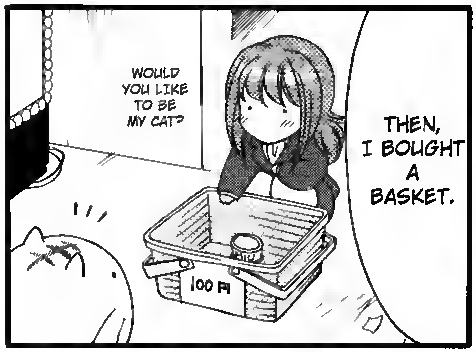

カ——DAYLIGHT

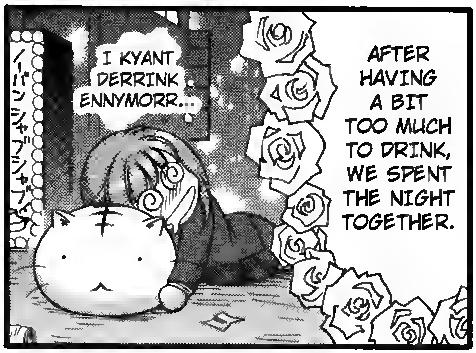

WHICH ONE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?
THAT ONE! OVER THERE!
AWW!
?
WHOOSH!
GOSH! ALL OF THEM ARE JUST SO CUTE!
THAT ONE IN PARTICULAR LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE MY OWN!
ARE THERE ANY KITTENS THAT INTEREST YOU?
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

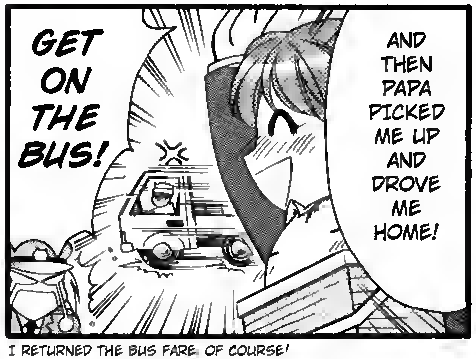

SO. HOW EXACTLY DID YOU MANAGE TO TAKE THE CAT BACK HOME?
JOURNAL SUBMISSION
EVEN THOUGH MY PURSE WAS STOLEN, I WAS STILL VERY HAPPY!

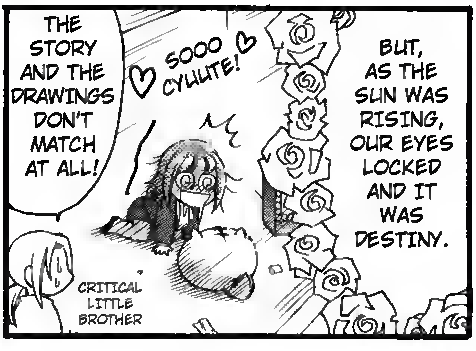




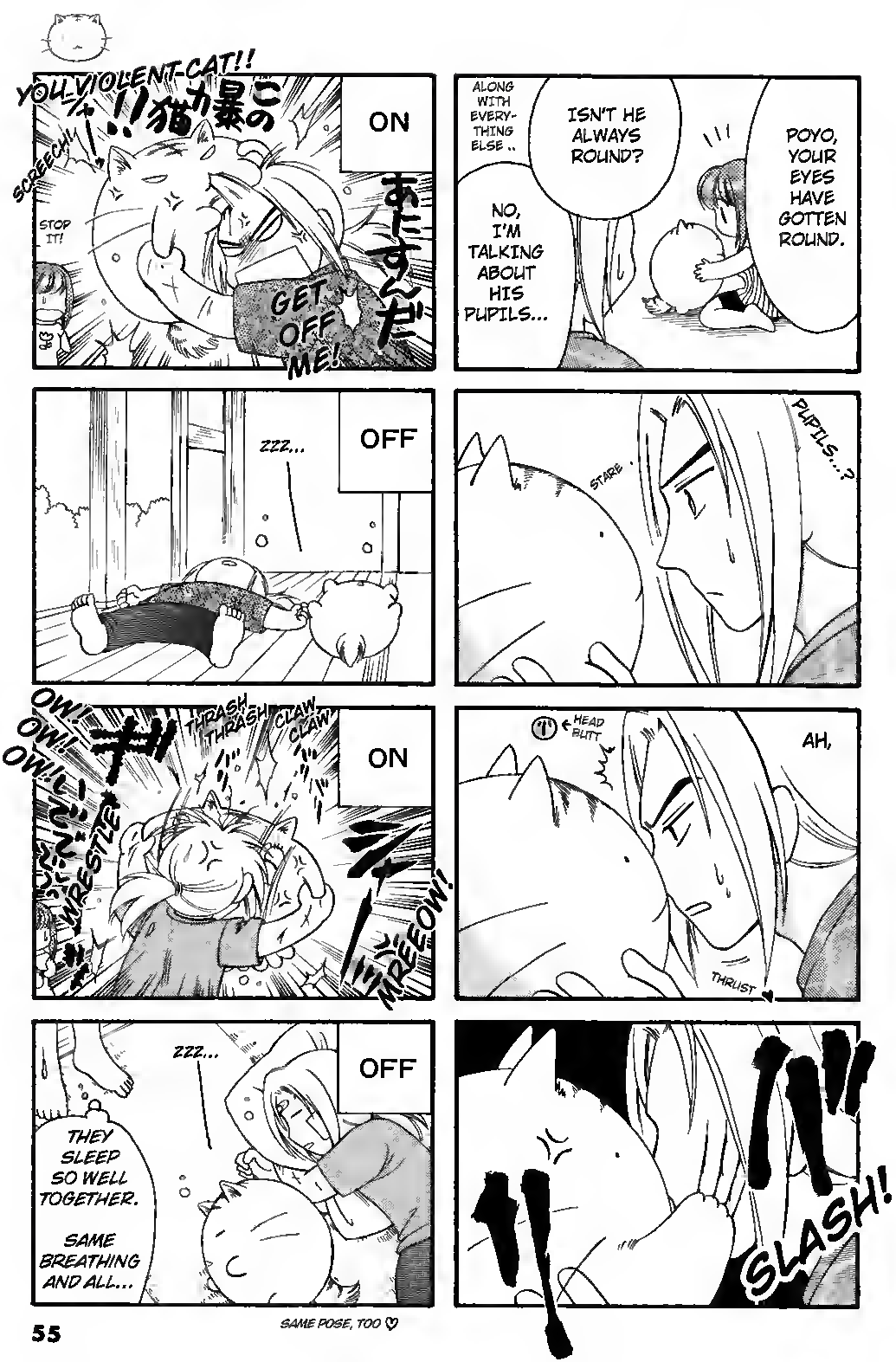




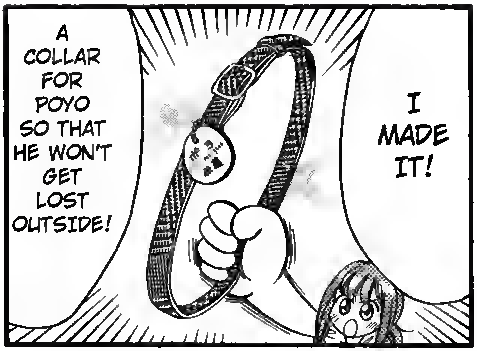


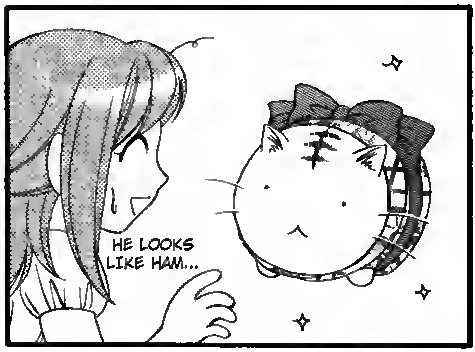

THE STORY AND THE DRAWINGS DON'T MATCH AT ALL!
SOOO CYLLITE!
BUT, AS THE SUN WAS RISING, OUR EYES LOCKED AND IT WAS DESTINY.
CRITICAL LITTLE BROTHER

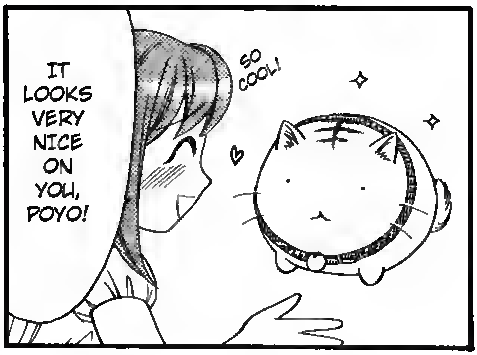
I RETURNED THE BUS FARE. OF COURSE!

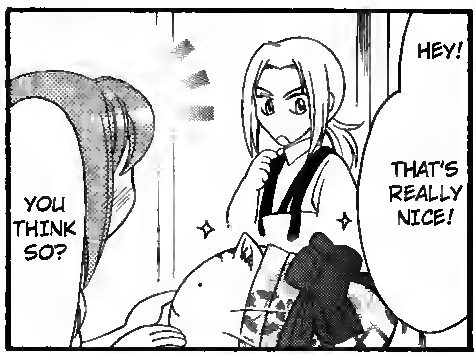

YOU VIOLENT CAT!!
この暴力猫!!
ON
あたすぐだ
SQUEEK!!
STOP IT!
GET OFF ME!
ALONG WITH EVERY-THING ELSE ..
ISN'T HE ALWAYS ROUND?
NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT HIS PUPILS...
POYO, YOUR EYES HAVE GOTTEN ROUND.
OFF
ZZZ...
STARE
PUPILS...?
OW!! OW!! OW!!
THRASH THRASH
CLAW CLAW
ON
WRESTLE
MREEOW!
HEAD BUTT
AH,
THRUST
OFF
ZZZ...
THEY SLEEP SO WELL TOGETHER.
SAME BREATHING AND ALL...
SLASH!
SAME POSE, TOO

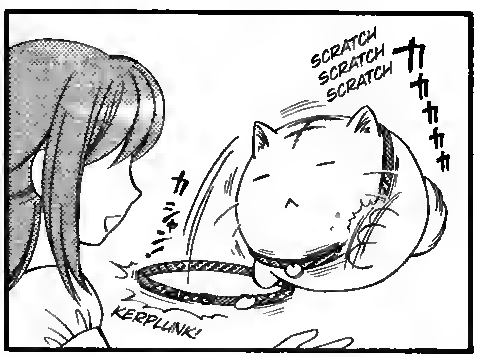
AN OUTFIT FOR POYO TO WEAR THIS SUMMER!
I MADE IT!

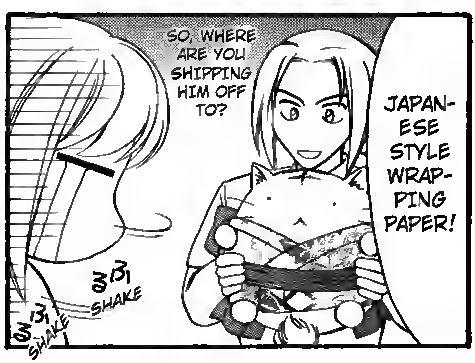

A COLLAR FOR POYO SO THAT HE WON'T GET LOST OUTSIDE!
I MADE IT!

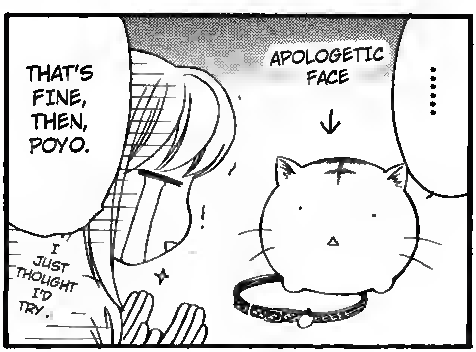

HE LOOKS LIKE HAM...


IT LOOKS VERY NICE ON YOU, POYO!
SO COOL!


HEY!
THAT'S REALLY NICE!
YOU THINK SO?


SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
KERPLINK!


SO, WHERE ARE YOU SHIPPING HIM OFF TO?
JAPAN-ESE STYLE WRAP-PING PAPER!
SHAKE
SHAKE


THAT'S FINE, THEN, POYO.
I JUST THOUGHT I'D TRY.
APOLOGETIC FACE
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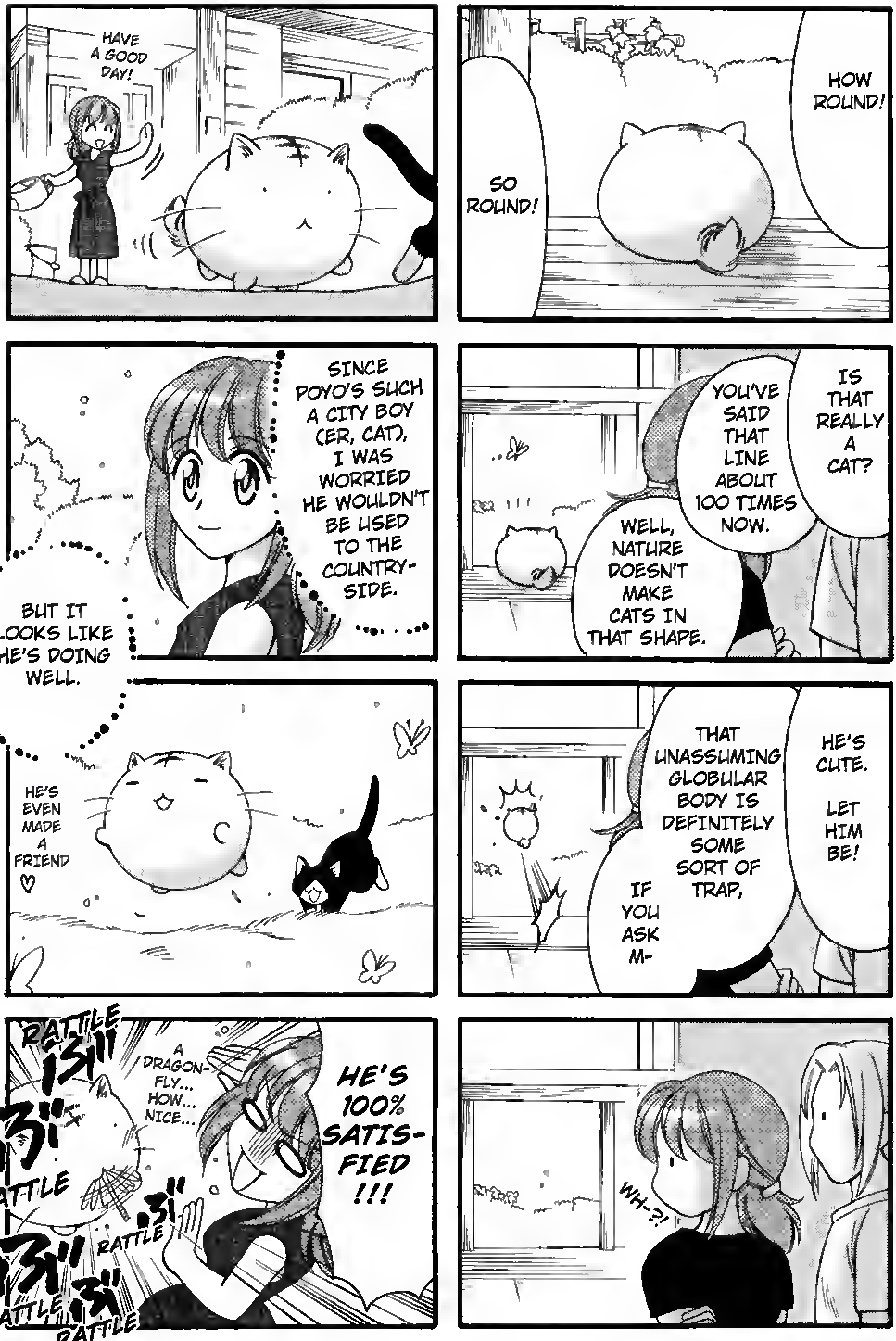
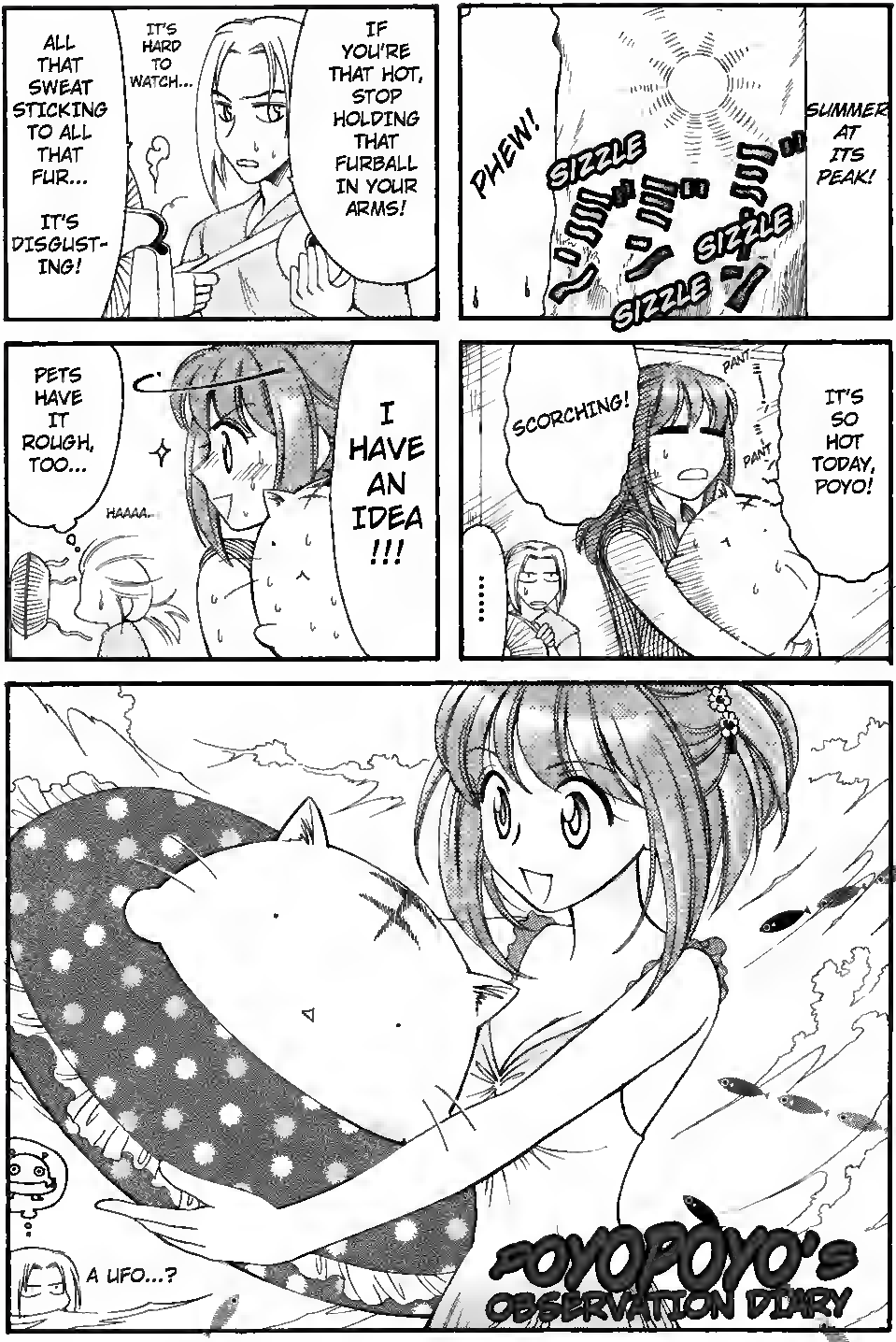
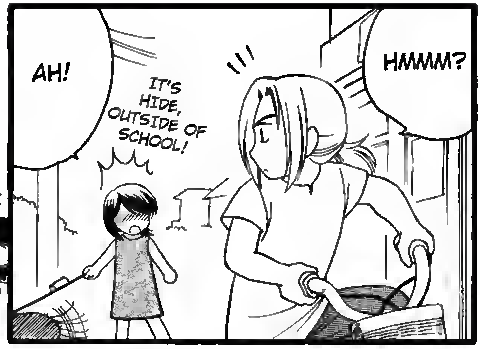
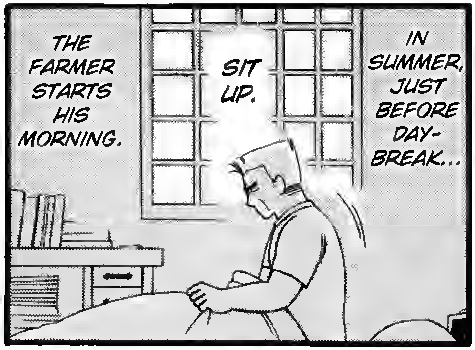
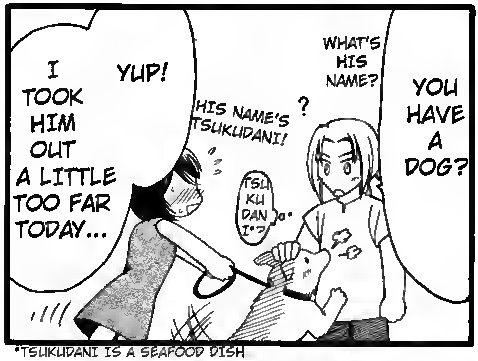

HAVE A GOOD DAY!
HOW ROUND!
SO ROUND!
SINCE POYO'S SUCH A CITY BOY (ER, CAT), I WAS WORRIED HE WOULDN'T BE USED TO THE COUNTRY-SIDE.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S DOING WELL.
IS THAT REALLY A CAT?
YOU'VE SAID THAT LINE ABOUT 100 TIMES NOW.
WELL, NATURE DOESN'T MAKE CATS IN THAT SHAPE.
HE'S EVEN MADE A FRIEND ♡
HE'S CUTE. LET HIM BE!
THAT UNASSUMING GLOBULAR BODY IS DEFINITELY SOME SORT OF TRAP, IF YOU ASK M-
RATTLE
A DRAGON-FLY... HOW... NICE...
HE'S 100% SATIS-FIED !!!
WH-?!


ALL THAT SWEAT STICKING TO ALL THAT FUR...
IT'S DISGUST-ING!
IT'S HARD TO WATCH...
IF YOU'RE THAT HOT, STOP HOLDING THAT FURBALL IN YOUR ARMS!
PHEW!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SUMMER AT ITS PEAK!
PETS HAVE IT ROUGH, TOO...
HAAAA...
I HAVE AN IDEA !!!
SCORCHING!
PANT
PANT
IT'S SO HOT TODAY, POYO!
.....
A UFO...?
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

OOH!
EAT ME!
MOE IS NOT HOME TODAY.
THE BEACH BALL CAT OF THE SUMMER.
THIS IS POYO SATO,
CURRY FRIED RICE
.....
ENTRANCE
COOL FLOOR
ARE YOU NICE AND COOL OVER THERE?
IT TASTES LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES...
BUT I FEEL LIKE SOME-THING'S MISSING.
SHRINK
ゆる～ん
"CHUCKLE"
I SEE YOU'VE GOTTEN A LITTLE FLAT.
HERE! HAVE A BUDDY!
NICE AND COOL
ON OTHER DAYS
I WAS SO BUSY TODAY, SO...
DID HE RUN OUT OF AIR?
OK, A LOT FLAT...
PSSHHH...
ONE HOUR LATER
NICE AND COOL







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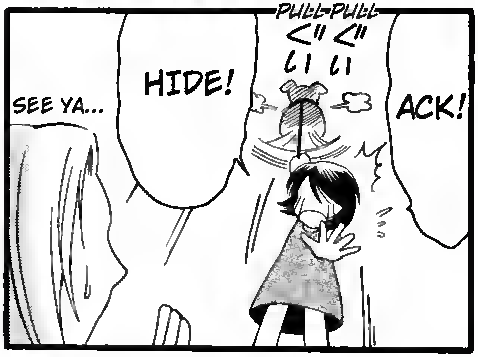
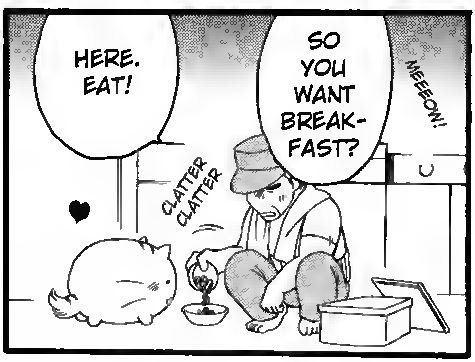
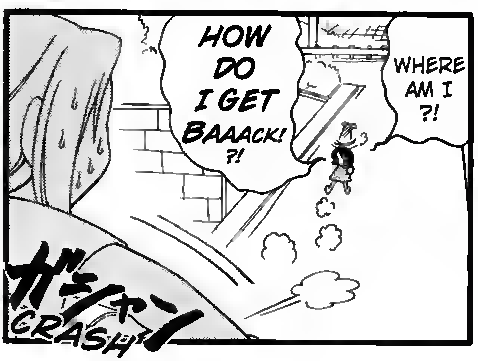
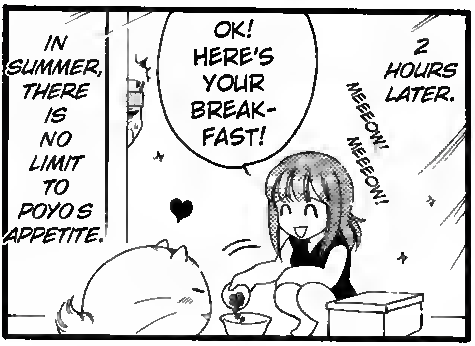
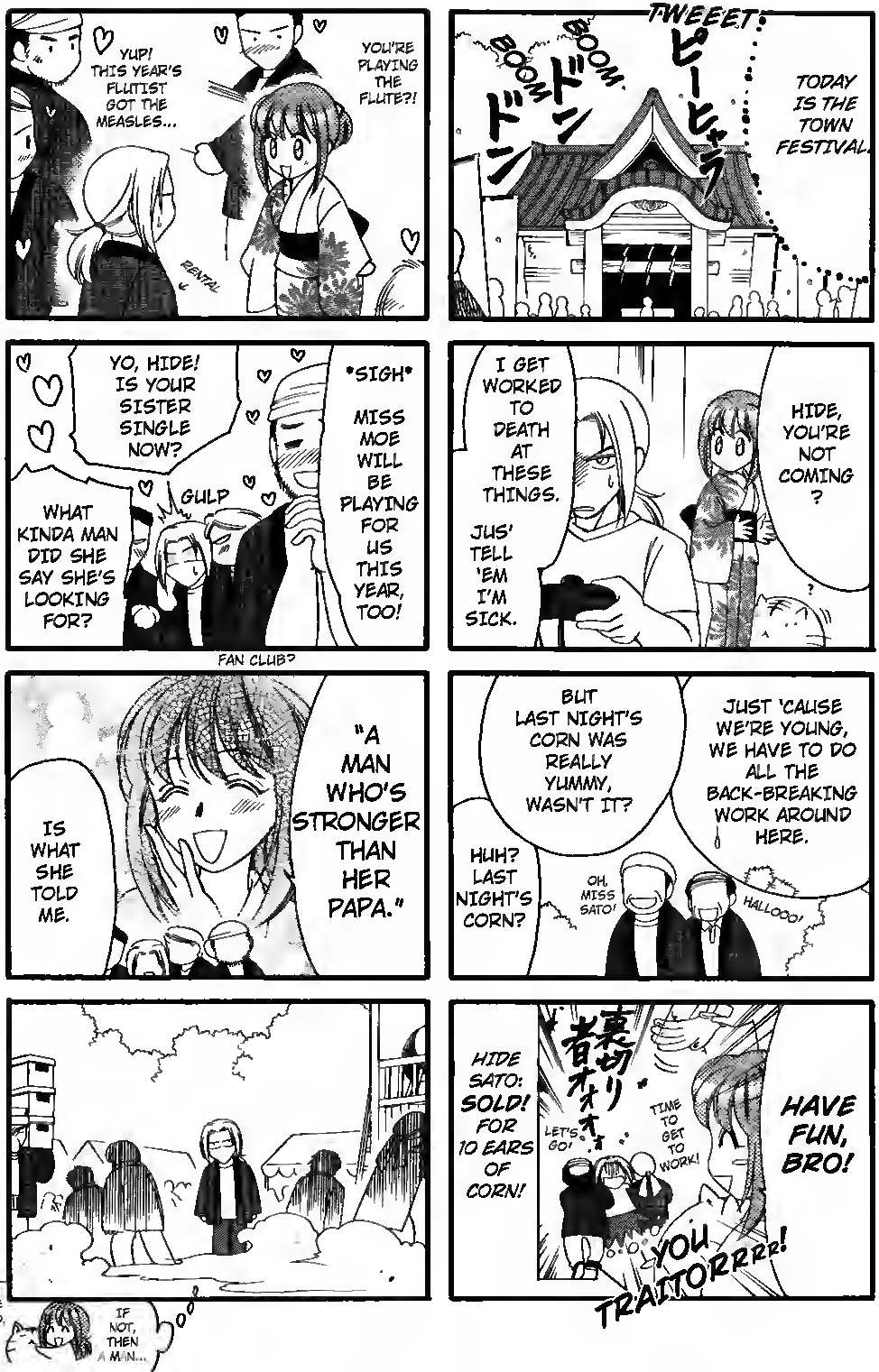






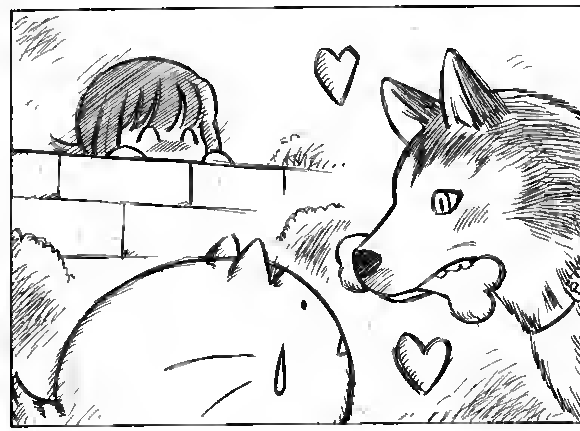



YUP! THIS YEAR'S FLUTIST GOT THE MEASLES...
YOU'RE PLAYING THE FLUTE?!
RENTAL
TWEEET
ピーヒャラ
BOOM
ドン
BOOM
ドン
TODAY IS THE TOWN FESTIVAL.
YO, HIDE! IS YOUR SISTER SINGLE NOW?
GULP
WHAT KINDA MAN DID SHE SAY SHE'S LOOKING FOR?
SIGH
MISS MOE WILL BE PLAYING FOR US THIS YEAR, TOO!
FAN CLUB?
I GET WORKED TO DEATH AT THESE THINGS.
JUS' TELL 'EM I'M SICK.
HIDE, YOU'RE NOT COMING ?
?
IS WHAT SHE TOLD ME.
"A MAN WHO'S STRONGER THAN HER PAPA."
BUT LAST NIGHT'S CORN WAS REALLY YUMMY, WASN'T IT?
HUH? LAST NIGHT'S CORN?
OH, MISS SATO!
JUST 'CAUSE WE'RE YOUNG, WE HAVE TO DO ALL THE BACK-BREAKING WORK AROUND HERE.
HALLOO!
?
HIDE SATO: SOLD! FOR 10 EARS OF CORN!
裏切り者オオォ
LET'S GO!
TIME TO GET TO WORK!
HAVE FUN, BRO!
YOU TRAITORRRR!
LIKE POYO.
IF NOT, THEN A MAN...

KABANG!
KABANG!
OH, HIDE!
THANKS FOR THE OTHER DAY!
IS YOUR SISTER AROUND?
I HAVE TO PLAY ON STAGE RIGHT NOW. I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU GUYS IN THE EVENING!
GOT IT!
HIDE'S FRIEND?
YOU'RE NOT SCARED, POYO?
FIREWORKS, THUNDER, TYPHOONS... NOTHING SHOCKS YOU!
DEEP BREATH PHWEET
HEWWO!
THAT EVENING...
PANKS POR PAIP-ING!
GUHHH
POYO, SHOCK-ED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

GUEST FATIGUE?
FESTIVAL FATIGUE
EXCUSE US!
THANKS FOR INVITING US IN!
~PURR~ ~PURR~
POYO WILL NOT DO THAT!
JUST AS I THOUGHT, ON REALLY HOT DAYS...
THANK YOU!
WOW!
A RAAAT!
STOMP STOMP STOMP
MEOW
.....
MAYBE NOT?
ERR...
I NEVER GOT TO SEE YOUR CAT...
IS HE SHY?
GOOD NIGHT!

THE SATO FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM AND DIARY

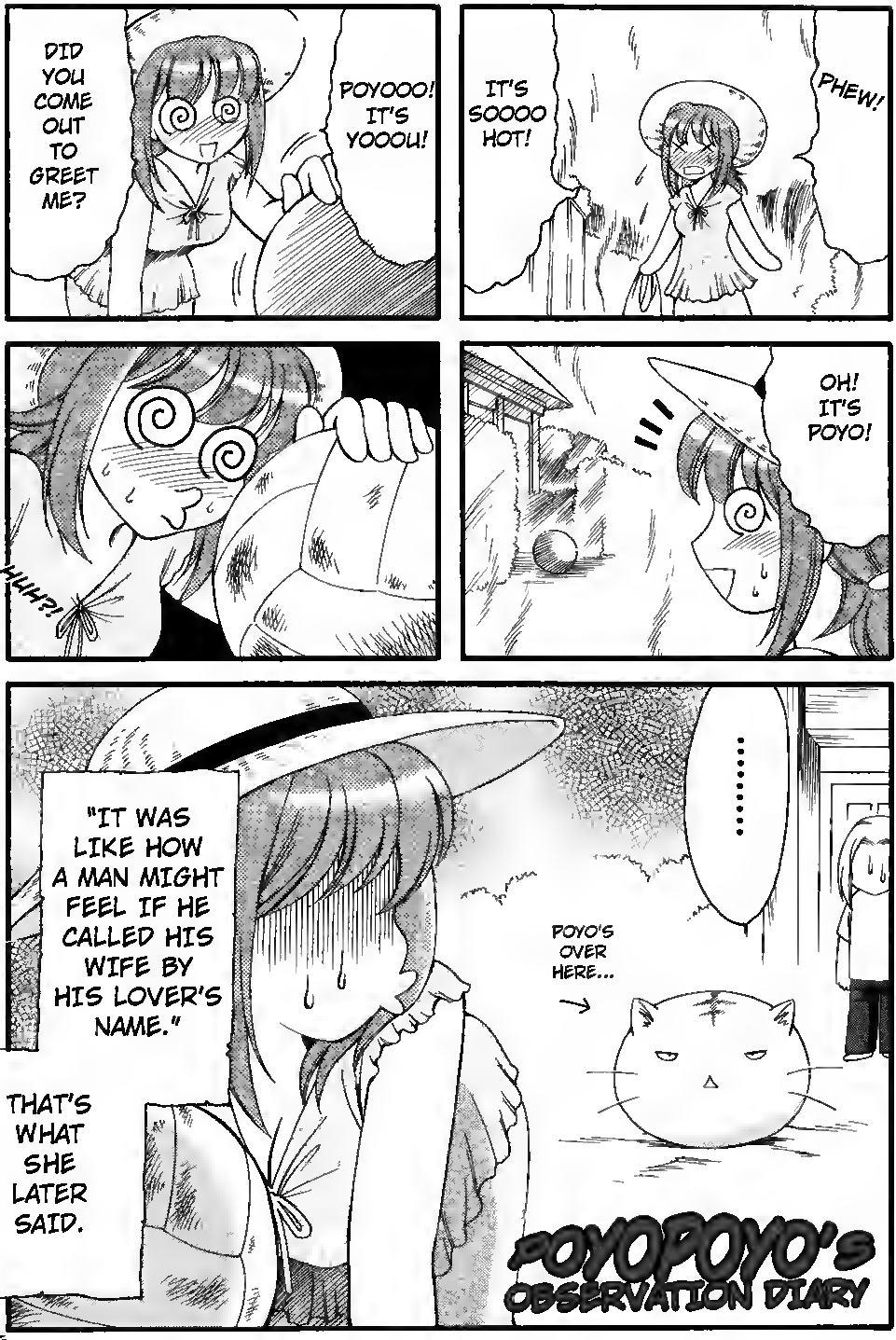


THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH: SUNNY

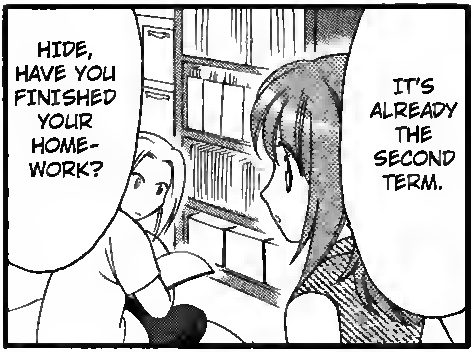
TODAY, POYO WAS OFFERED A BONE BY THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DOG.

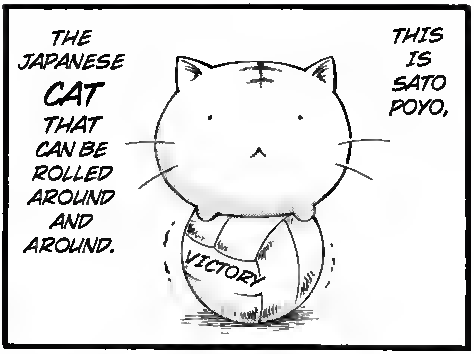
THAT'S POYO, ALRIGHT! HE'S EVEN POPULAR WITH THE DOGS!

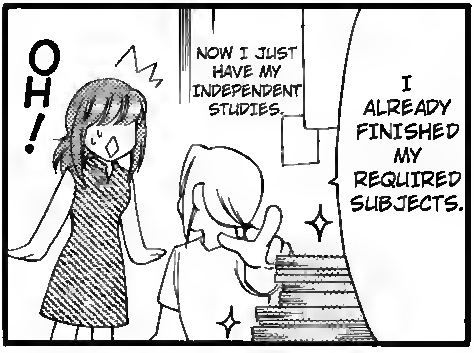
I WANT TO ASK HIM WHAT HAPPENED!

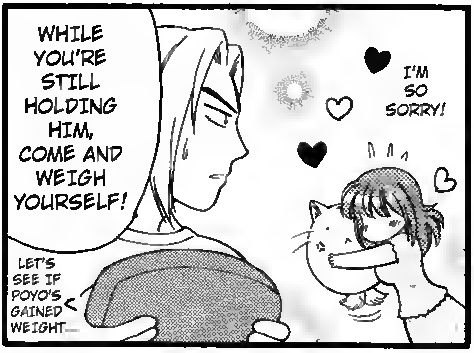

DID YOU COME OUT TO GREET ME?
POYOOO! IT'S YOOOU!
IT'S SOOOO HOT!
PHEW!
HUH?!
OH! IT'S POYO!
"IT WAS LIKE HOW A MAN MIGHT FEEL IF HE CALLED HIS WIFE BY HIS LOVER'S NAME."
THAT'S WHAT SHE LATER SAID.
.....
POYO'S OVER HERE...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

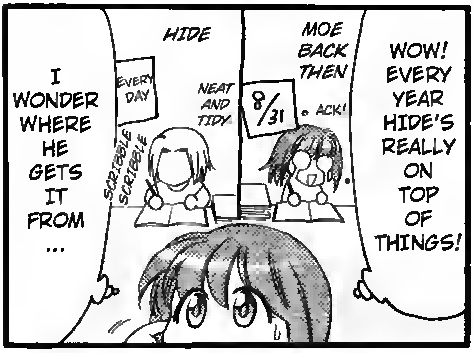
BY HIDE

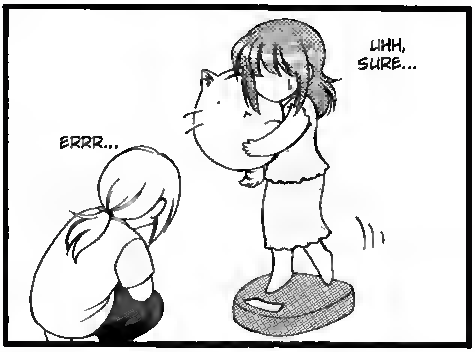

HIDE, HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR HOME-WORK?
IT'S ALREADY THE SECOND TERM.

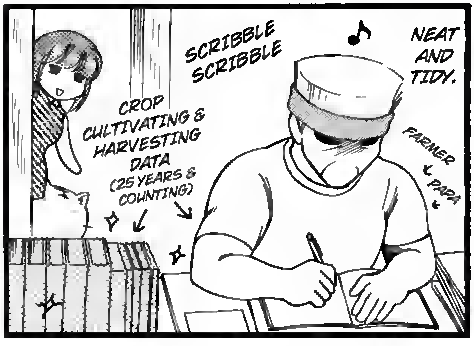

THE JAPANESE CAT THAT CAN BE ROLLED AROUND AND AROUND.
THIS IS SATO POYO,
VICTORY

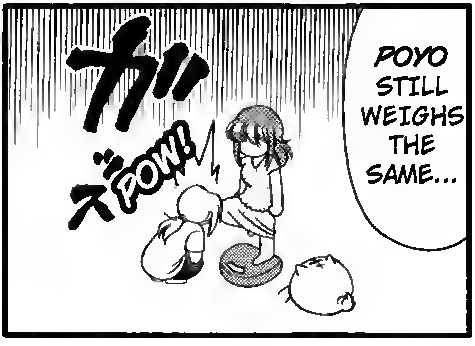

OH!
NOW I JUST HAVE MY INDEPENDENT STUDIES.
I ALREADY FINISHED MY REQUIRED SUBJECTS.


WHILE YOU'RE STILL HOLDING HIM, COME AND WEIGH YOURSELF!
I'M SO SORRY!
LET'S SEE IF POYO'S GAINED WEIGHT


I WONDER WHERE HE GETS IT FROM ...
HIDE
EVERY DAY
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
NEAT AND TIDY
MOE BACK THEN
8/31
ACK!
WOW! EVERY YEAR HIDE'S REALLY ON TOP OF THINGS!


ERRR...
UHH, SURE...


SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
NEAT AND TIDY.
CROP CULTIVATING & HARVESTING DATA (25 YEARS & COUNTING)
FARMER ↓ PAPA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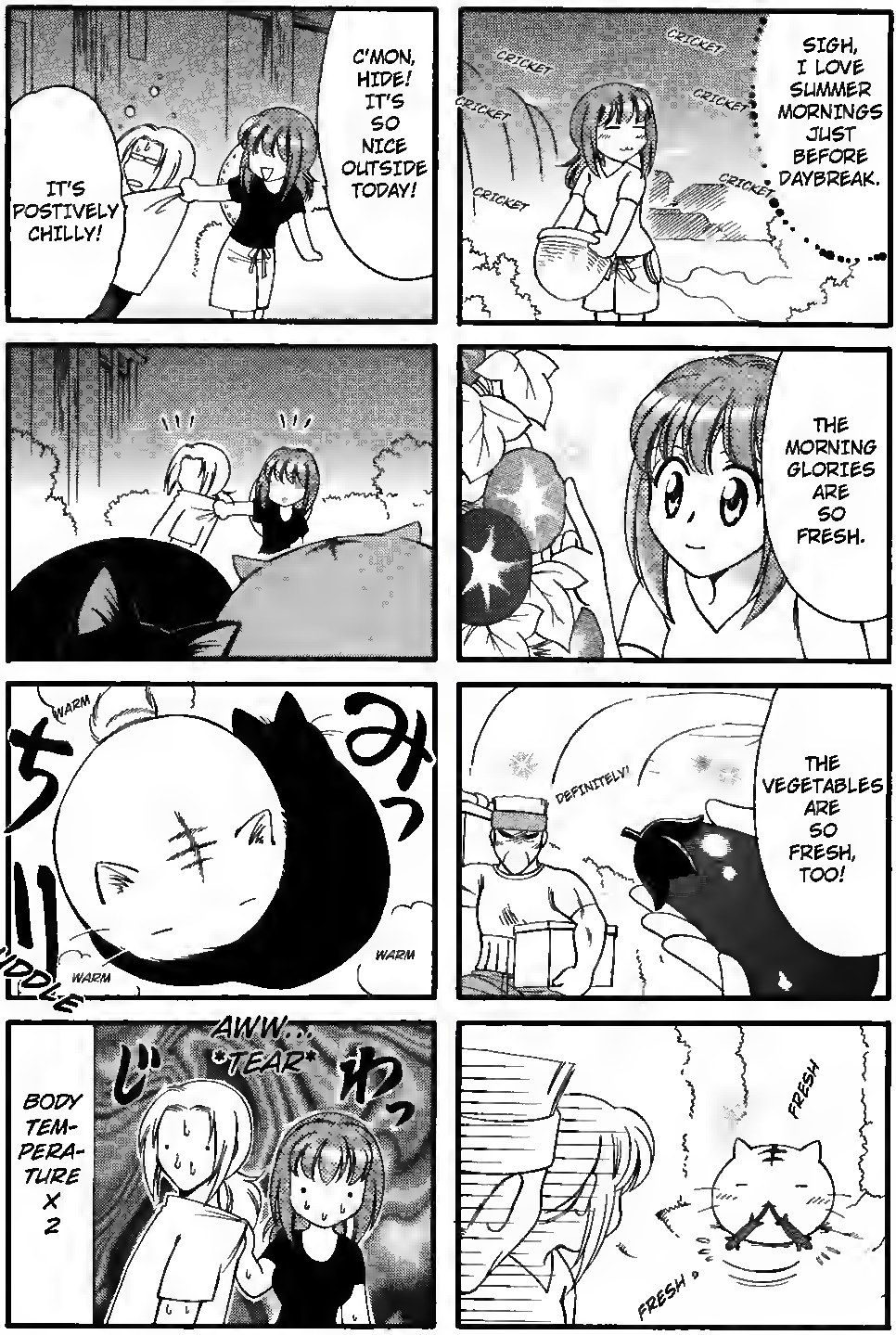
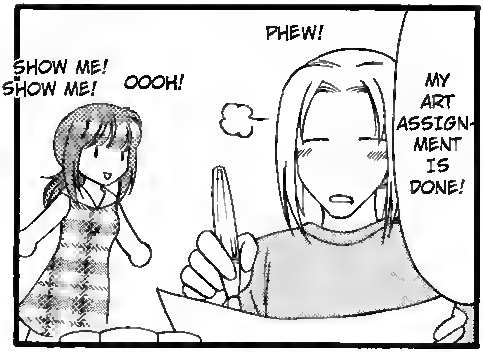
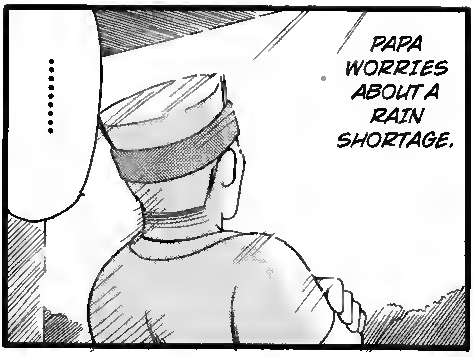
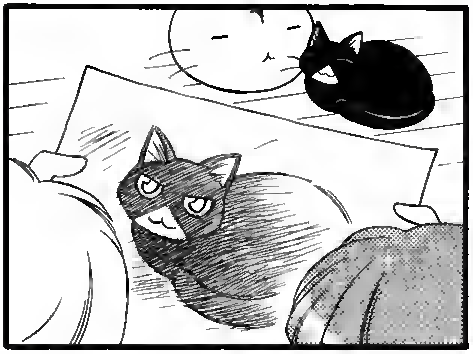
POW!
POYO STILL WEIGHS THE SAME...

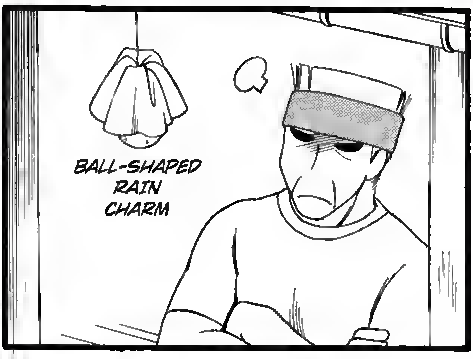

C'MON, HIDE! IT'S SO NICE OUTSIDE TODAY!
IT'S POSTIVELY CHILLY!
CRICKET
CRICKET
CRICKET
CRICKET
CRICKET
SIGH, I LOVE SUMMER MORNINGS JUST BEFORE DAYBREAK.
THE MORNING GLORIES ARE SO FRESH.
WARM
WARM
WARM
HUDDLE
THE VEGETABLES ARE SO FRESH, TOO!
DEFINITELY!
BODY TEMPERATURE X 2
AWW... *TEAR*
FRESH
FRESH

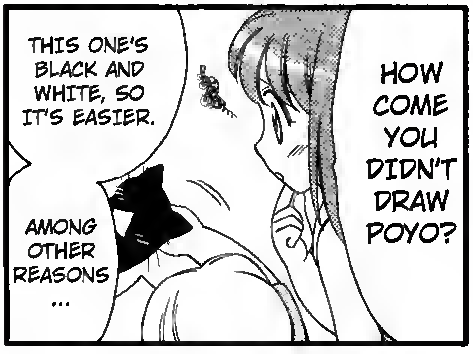
♪
LOVES BOXES.
FREEZER
!!!
A LITTLE TOO SMALL...
……
IMPOSSIBLE!

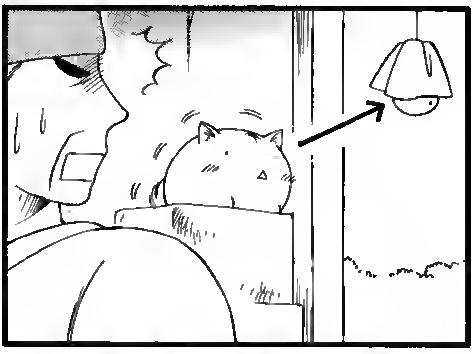


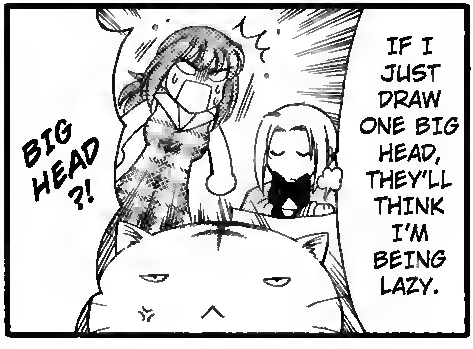


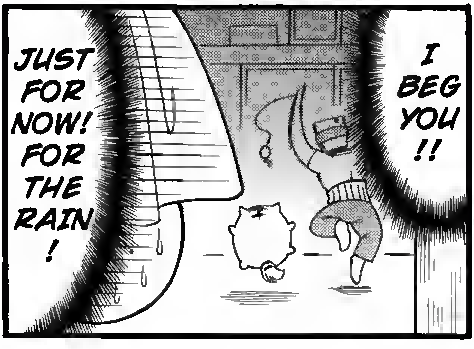






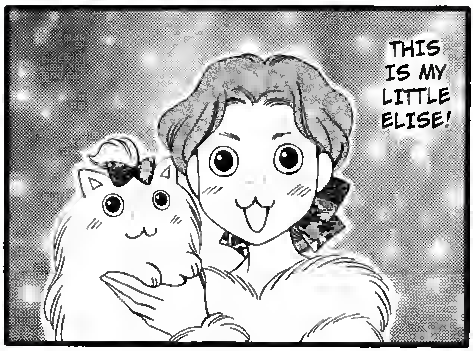


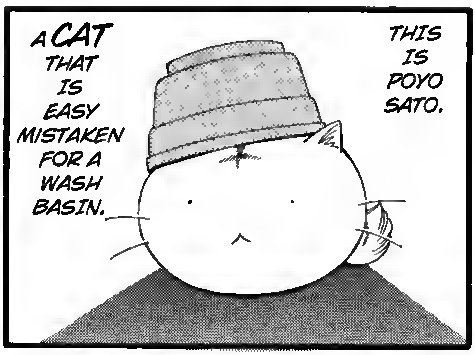


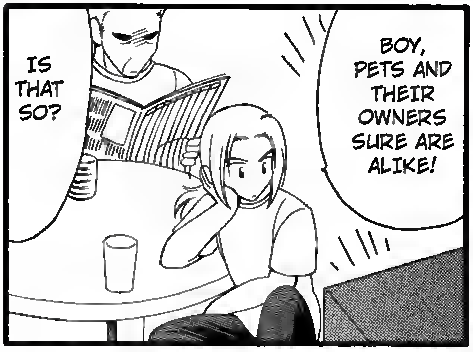


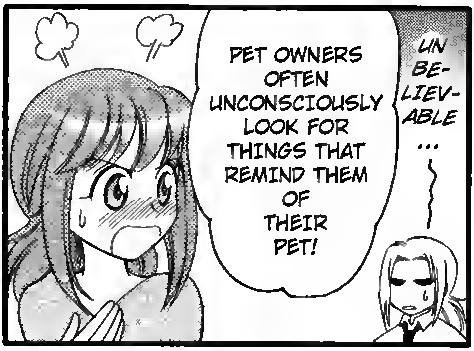
OR IS IT ONE BIG FACE?

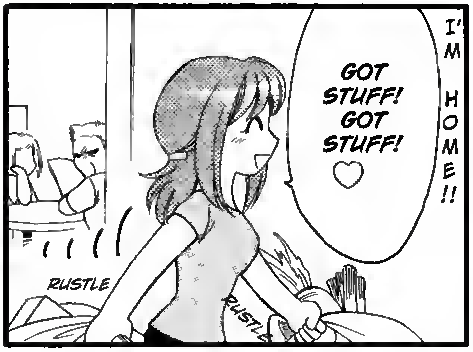
A LIVELY TALK ABOUT CATS.
THE THING IS, CATS ARE SMALL!
REALLY? THEY'RE SMALL? TEEHEE.
OH! I TOTALLY UNDER-STAND!
OVER HERE!
I'M
LIKE FOR A BATHMAT OR SOME-THING...
GASP!
JUST THIS MORN-ING...
POYO !
MY KITTY!
OH!
DUHHHH
YEAH! WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO BE CAREFUL AND NOT STEP ON ONE, DON'T YOU SOMETIMES CONFUSE THEM WITH SOMETHING ELSE?
WASH BASIN
?
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

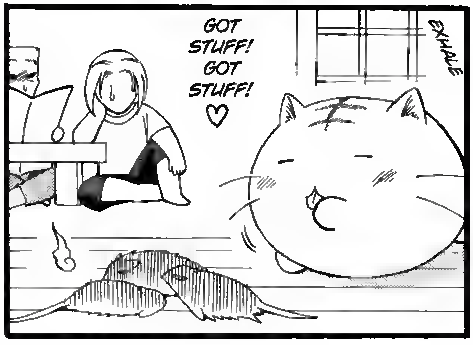

THIS IS MY LITTLE ELISE!

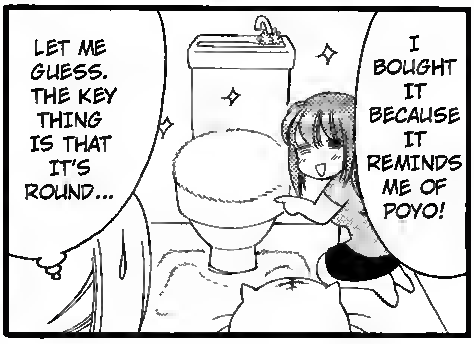

A CAT THAT IS EASY MISTAKEN FOR A WASH BASIN.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

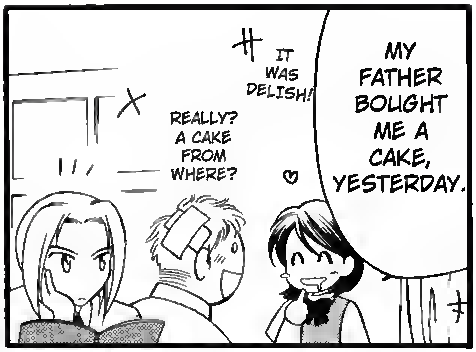

IS THAT SO?
BOY, PETS AND THEIR OWNERS SURE ARE ALIKE!

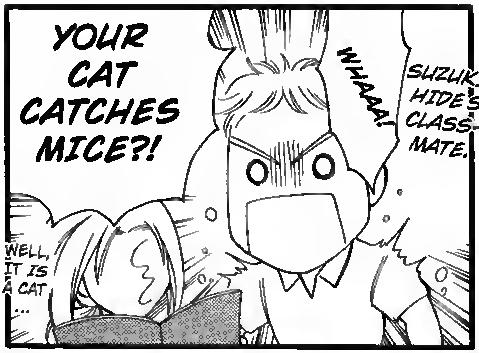

PET OWNERS OFTEN UNCONSCIOUSLY LOOK FOR THINGS THAT REMIND THEM OF THEIR PET!
UN BE-LIEV-ABLE ...

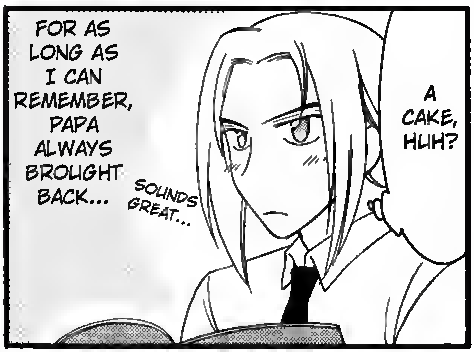

I'M HOME!!
GOT STUFF! GOT STUFF!
RUSTLE
RUSTL


GOT STUFF! GOT STUFF!
EXHALE


LET ME GUESS. THE KEY THING IS THAT IT'S ROUND...
I BOUGHT IT BECAUSE IT REMINDS ME OF POYO!

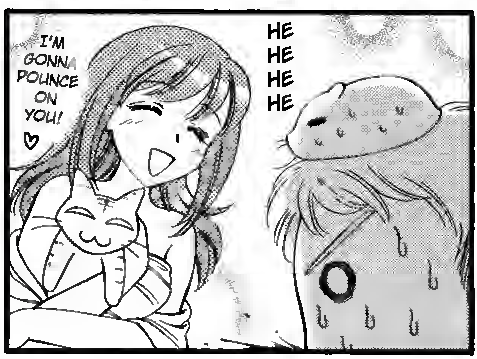

MY FATHER BOUGHT ME A CAKE, YESTERDAY.
IT WAS DELISH!
REALLY? A CAKE FROM WHERE?

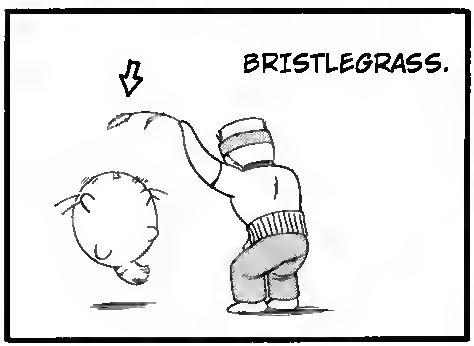

YOUR CAT CATCHES MICE?!
WHAAA!
SUZUKI, HIDE'S CLASS-MATE.
WELL, IT IS A CAT...

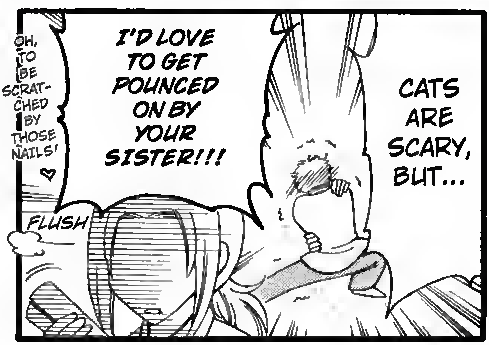

A CAKE, HUH?
FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, PAPA ALWAYS BROUGHT BACK...
SOUNDS GREAT...

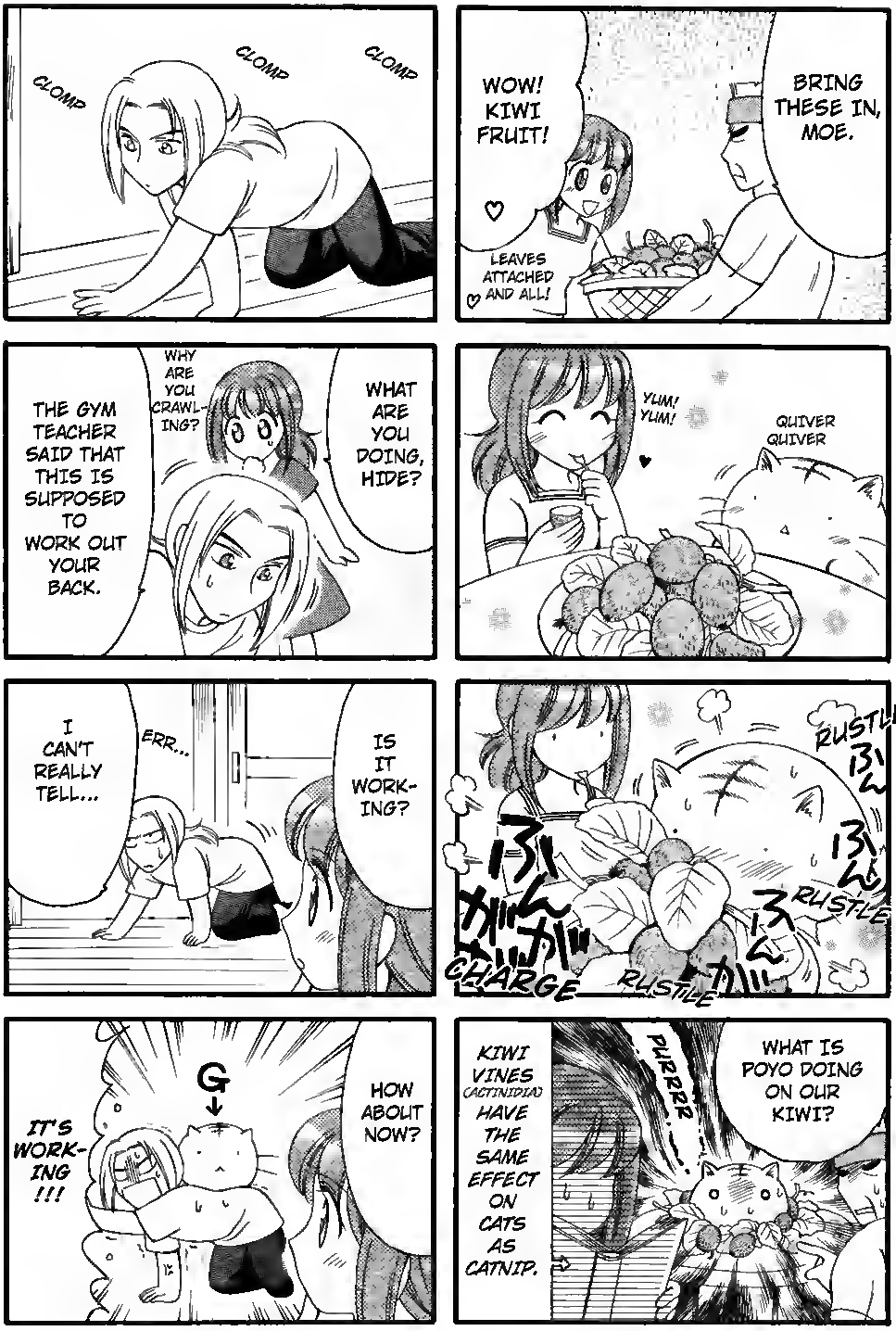
WHY WOULD YOU TAKE CARE OF SUCH A WRETCHED CREATURE ?!
HAMSTER OWNER
MY SISTER'S THE ONE TAKING CARE OF IT.

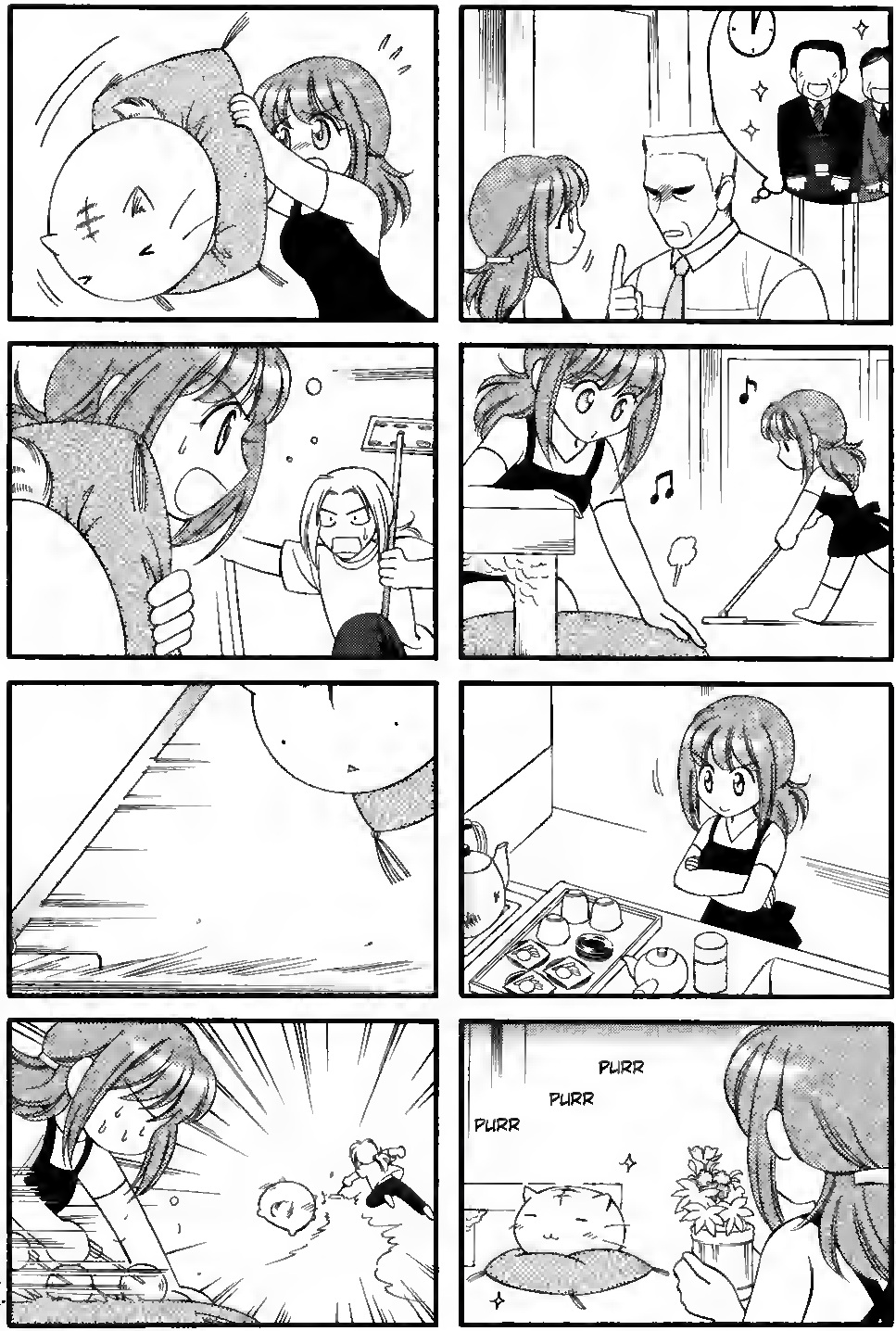
VEGETABLES...
OR LATELY...

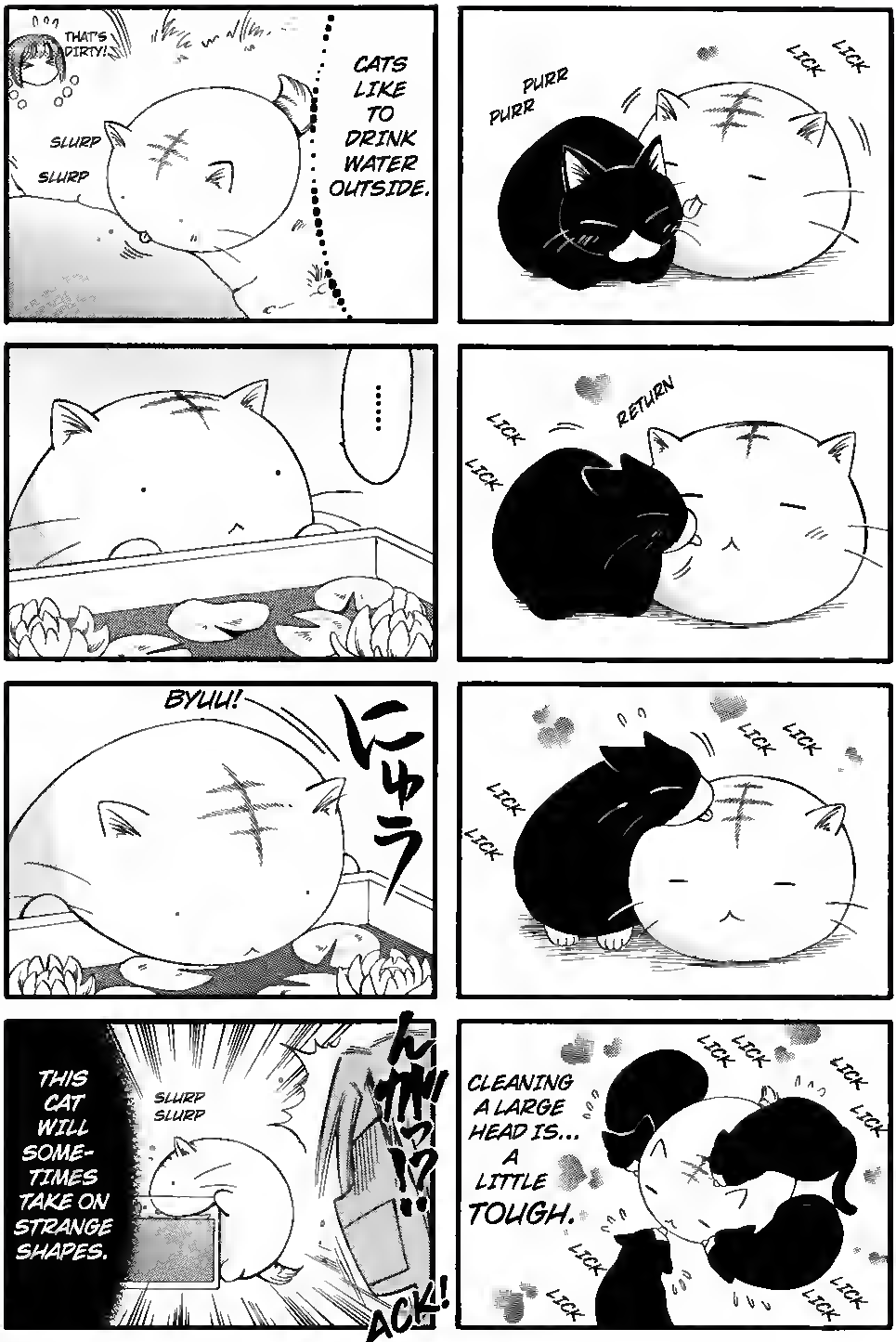

HE HE HE HE
I'M GONNA POUNCE ON YOU!


BRISTLEGRASS.

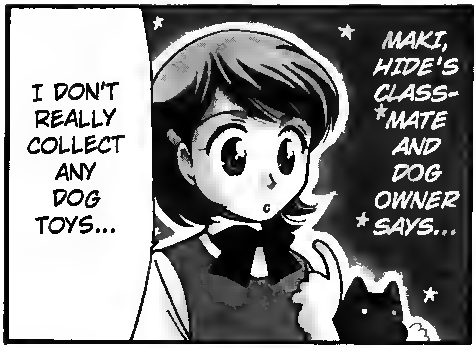

CATS ARE SCARY, BUT...
I'D LOVE TO GET POUNCED ON BY YOUR SISTER!!!
OH, TO BE SCRATCHED BY THOSE NAILS!
FLUSH


CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOMP
WOW! KIWI FRUIT!
LEAVES ATTACHED AND ALL!
BRING THESE IN, MOE.
THE GYM TEACHER SAID THAT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK OUT YOUR BACK.
WHY ARE YOU CRAWLING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HIDE?
YUM! YUM!
QUIVER QUIVER
I CAN'T REALLY TELL...
ERR...
IS IT WORKING?
RUSTLE
CHARGE
RUSTLE
IT'S WORKING!!!
G
HOW ABOUT NOW?
KIWI VINES (ACTINIDIA) HAVE THE SAME EFFECT ON CATS AS CATNIP.
PURRRR
WHAT IS POYO DOING ON OUR KIWI?

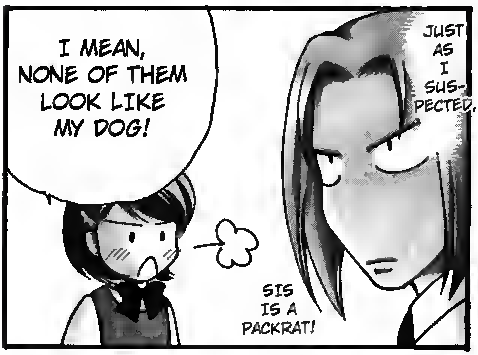

PURR
PURR
PURR
DING DONG!

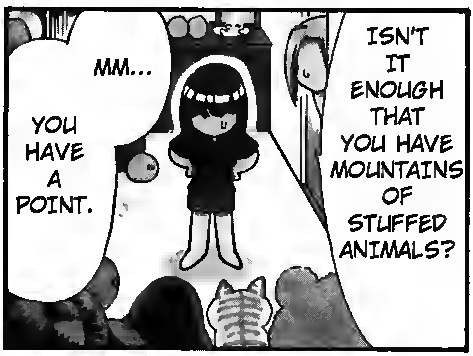

THAT'S DIRTY!
SLURP
SLURP
CATS LIKE TO DRINK WATER OUTSIDE.
PURR
PURR
LICK
LICK
.....
LICK
LICK
RETURN
BYUU!
にゃラ
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
THIS CAT WILL SOMETIMES TAKE ON STRANGE SHAPES.
SLURP
SLURP
んnn!?!!
ACK!
CLEANING A LARGE HEAD IS... A LITTLE TOUGH.
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
HE NATURALLY DOES
BY HIDE

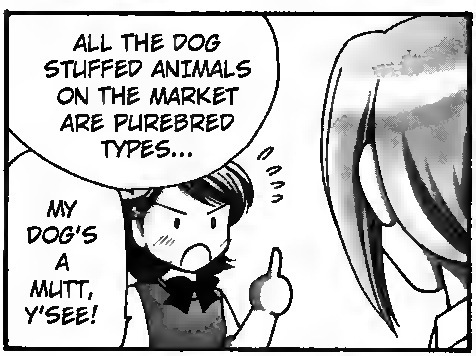
TOYまる
BABIES
SO YOU'RE SAYING THEY'RE THE PROBLEM ...?
DON'T YOU THINK THEY'RE BEING TOO PREJUDICED WITH THEIR SELECTION?
THAT MANY STUFFED ANIMALS AND NOT ONE CAT THAT LOOKS LIKE POYO!
POYO POYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

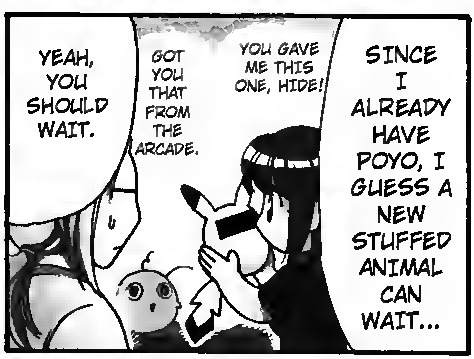

I DON'T REALLY COLLECT ANY DOG TOYS...
MAKI, HIDE'S CLASS-MATE AND DOG OWNER SAYS...

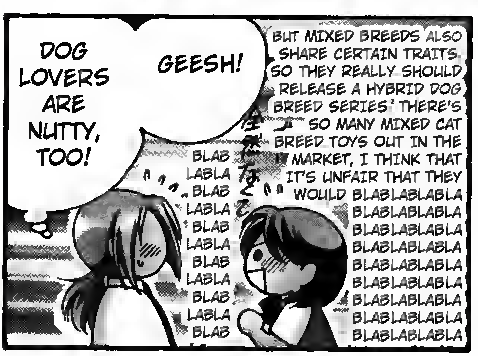
THE WORLD'S "BADDEST" CAT.
THIS IS POYO SATO.


I MEAN, NONE OF THEM LOOK LIKE MY DOG!
JUST AS I SUS-PECTED.
SIS IS A PACKRAT!


MM...
YOU HAVE A POINT.
ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT YOU HAVE MOUNTAINS OF STUFFED ANIMALS?


ALL THE DOG STUFFED ANIMALS ON THE MARKET ARE PUREBRED TYPES...
MY DOG'S A MUTT, Y'SEE!


YEAH, YOU SHOULD WAIT.
GOT YOU THAT FROM THE ARCADE.
YOU GAVE ME THIS ONE, HIDE!
SINCE I ALREADY HAVE POYO, I GUESS A NEW STUFFED ANIMAL CAN WAIT...


DOG LOVERS ARE NUTTY, TOO!
GEESH!
BUT MIXED BREEDS ALSO SHARE CERTAIN TRAITS, SO THEY REALLY SHOULD RELEASE A HYBRID DOG BREED SERIES! THERE'S SO MANY MIXED CAT BREED TOYS OUT IN THE MARKET, I THINK THAT IT'S UNFAIR THAT THEY WOULD
BLAB LABLA BLAB LABLA BLAB LABLA BLAB LABLA BLAB LABLA BLAB
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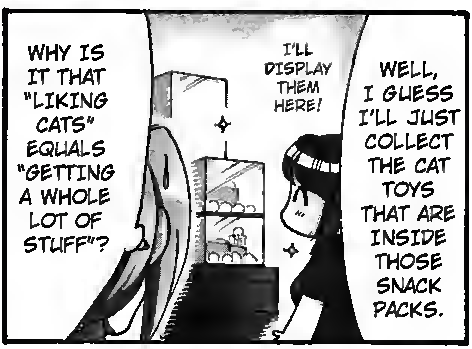
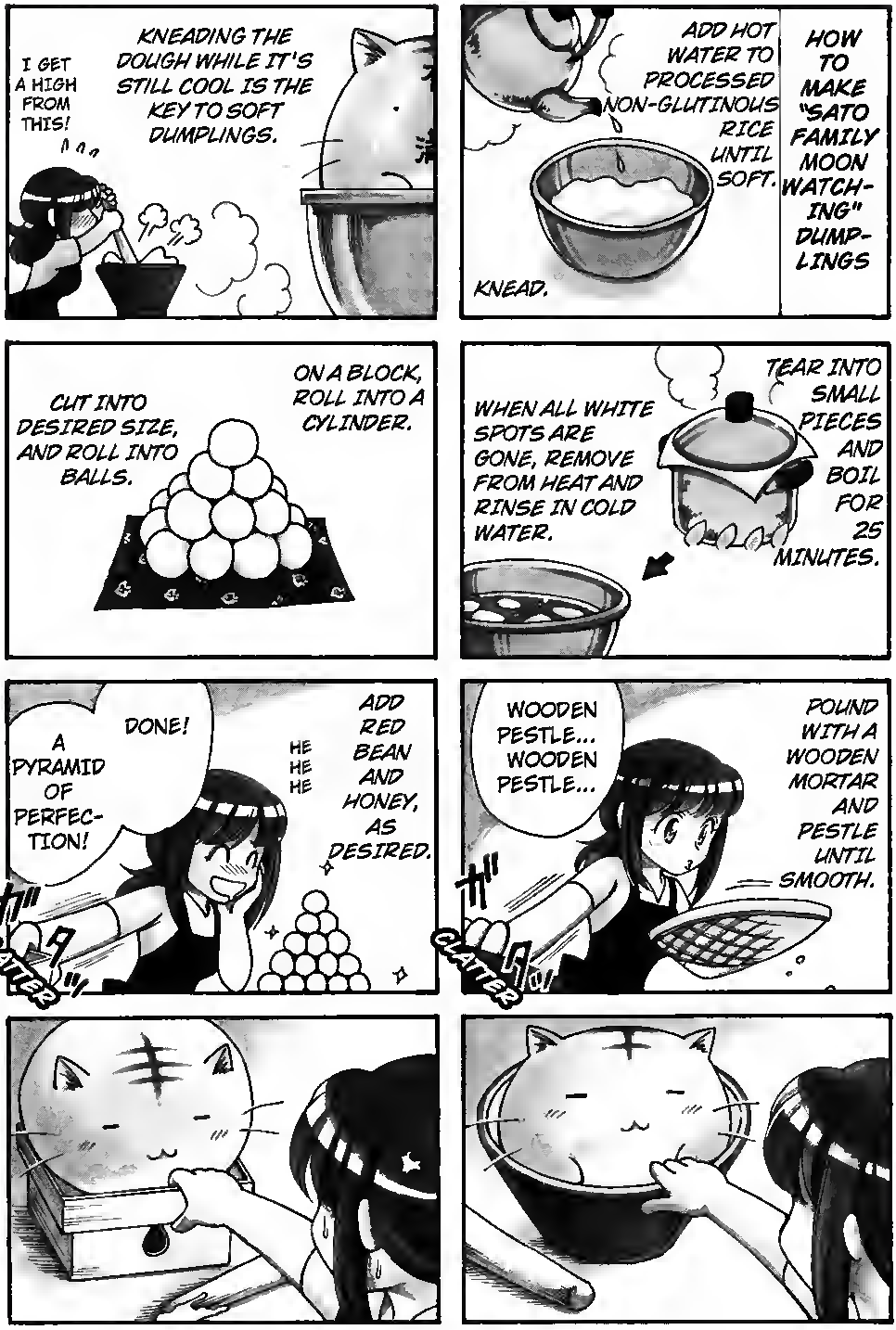
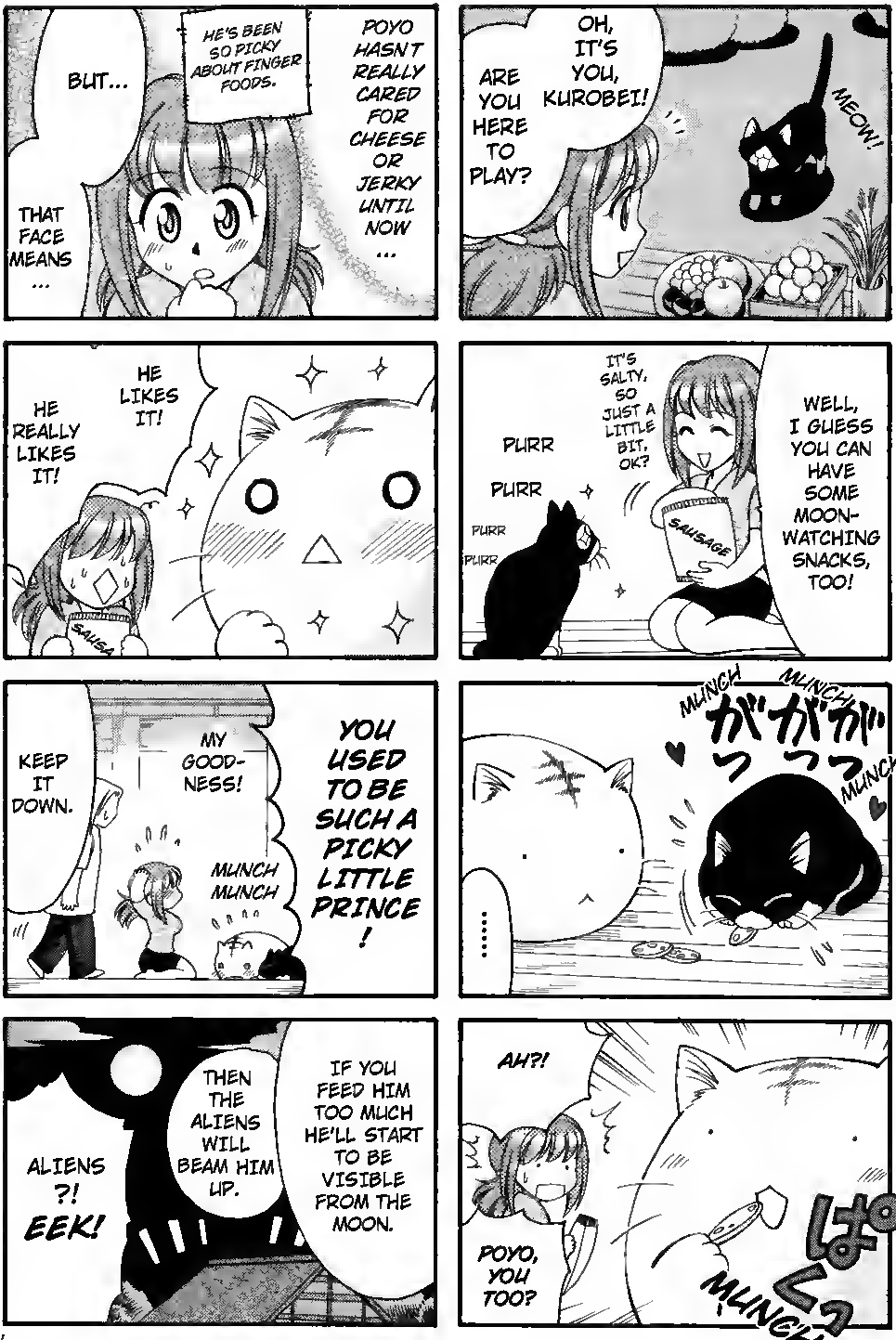
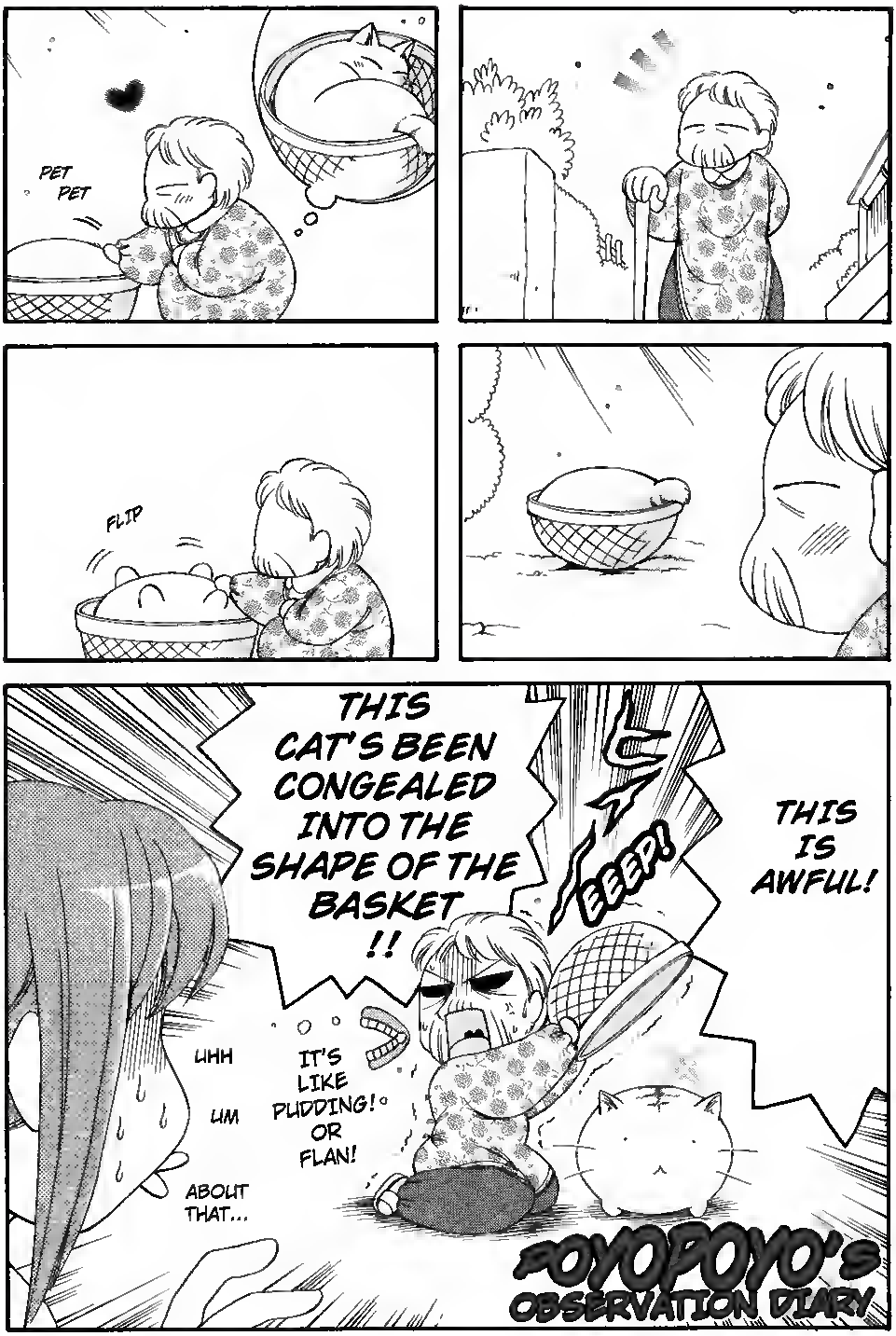
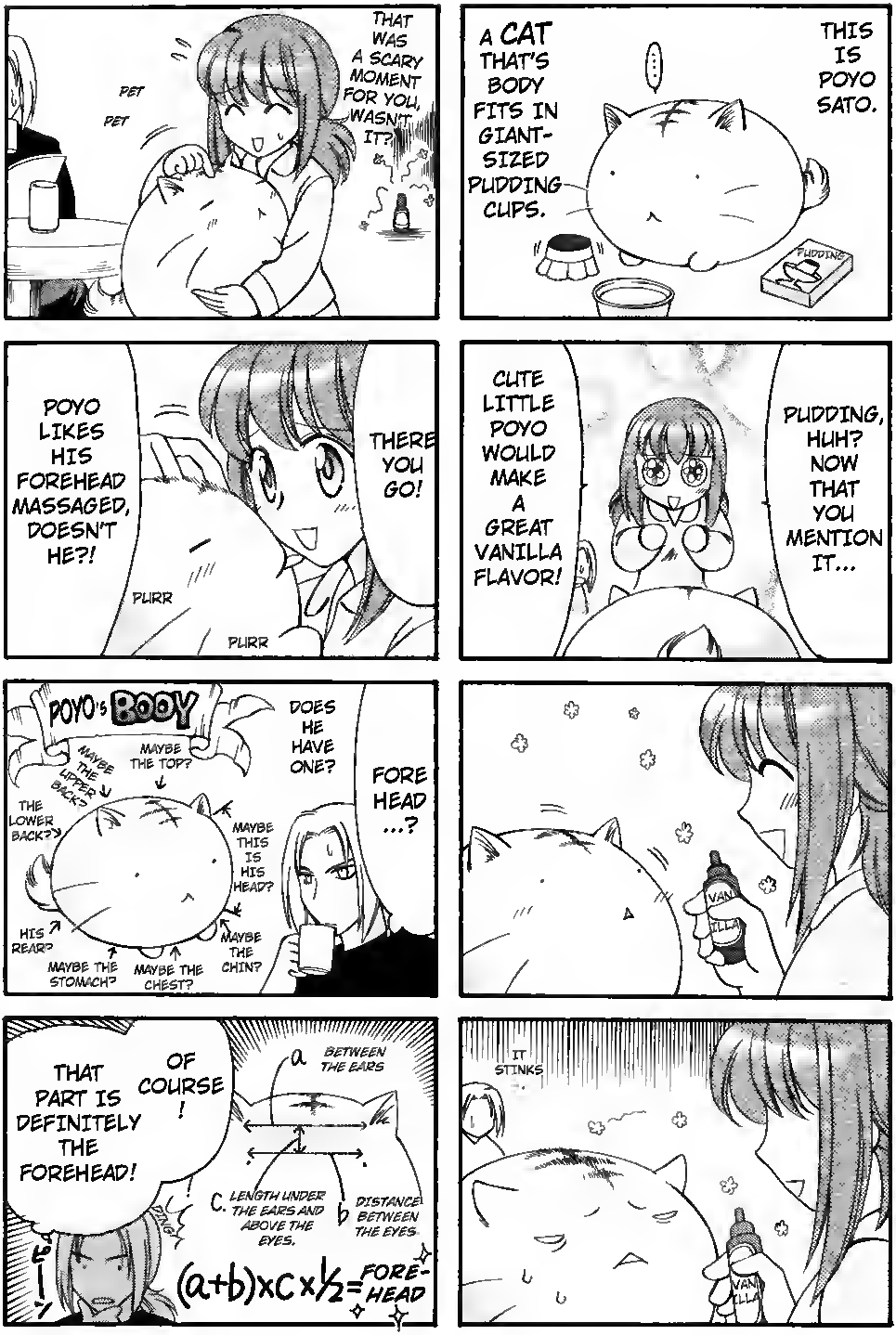

WHY IS IT THAT "LIKING CATS" EQUALS "GETTING A WHOLE LOT OF STUFF"?
I'LL DISPLAY THEM HERE!
WELL, I GUESS I'LL JUST COLLECT THE CAT TOYS THAT ARE INSIDE THOSE SNACK PACKS.

WHEN YOU HAVE THE TIME, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET SOME SILVER GRASS FOR ME?
TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE HARVEST MOON.
A CAT'S WHISKERS
USUALLY LOOK LIKE THIS...
I'LL CUT SOME AROUND HERE.
HIS WHISKERS COME FORWARD.
HOWEVER, IF YOU MAKE A CAT FOCUS ON ITS NOSE ...
OHHH
HISSSS!!
MEW
MEW
MEW
WELL, THEN!
POKE!
MEW
MEW
MEW
WHAT DID YOU DO NOW?
OW! OW! OW! OW!
THE WHISKERS DON'T COME FORWARD!!!
CHOMP!


I GET A HIGH FROM THIS!
KNEADING THE DOUGH WHILE IT'S STILL COOL IS THE KEY TO SOFT DUMPLINGS.
HOW TO MAKE "SATO FAMILY MOON WATCHING" DUMPLINGS
ADD HOT WATER TO PROCESSED NON-GLUTINOUS RICE UNTIL SOFT.
KNEAD.
ON A BLOCK, ROLL INTO A CYLINDER.
CUT INTO DESIRED SIZE, AND ROLL INTO BALLS.
TEAR INTO SMALL PIECES AND BOIL FOR 25 MINUTES.
WHEN ALL WHITE SPOTS ARE GONE, REMOVE FROM HEAT AND RINSE IN COLD WATER.
DONE! A PYRAMID OF PERFECTION!
HE HE HE
ADD RED BEAN AND HONEY, AS DESIRED.
CLATTER
WOODEN PESTLE... WOODEN PESTLE...
POUND WITH A WOODEN MORTAR AND PESTLE UNTIL SMOOTH.
CLATTER

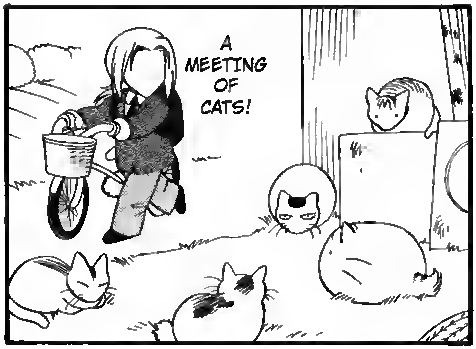

BUT...
HE'S BEEN SO PICKY ABOUT FINGER FOODS.
POYO HASN'T REALLY CARED FOR CHEESE OR JERKY UNTIL NOW ...
THAT FACE MEANS ...
ARE YOU HERE TO PLAY?
OH, IT'S YOU, KUROBEI!
MEOW!
HE REALLY LIKES IT!
HE LIKES IT!
SAUSA
PURR
PURR
PURR
PURR
IT'S SALTY, SO JUST A LITTLE BIT, OK?
SAUSAGE
WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN HAVE SOME MOON-WATCHING SNACKS, TOO!
KEEP IT DOWN.
MY GOOD-NESS!
MUNCH MUNCH
YOU USED TO BE SUCH A PICKY LITTLE PRINCE!
MUNCH
MUNCH
がつがつ
MUNCH
.....
ALIENS ?! EEK!
THEN THE ALIENS WILL BEAM HIM UP.
IF YOU FEED HIM TOO MUCH HE'LL START TO BE VISIBLE FROM THE MOON.
AH?!
POYO, YOU TOO?
ぱくっ
MUNCH
NO WAY! I'LL CHASE HIM IN A SPACE SHUTTLE!

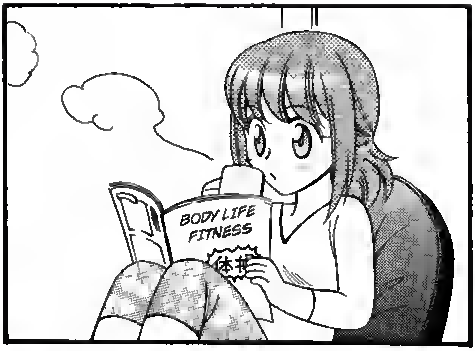

PET PET
FLIP
THIS CAT'S BEEN CONGEALED INTO THE SHAPE OF THE BASKET !!
EEEP!
THIS IS AWFUL!
UHH
UM
ABOUT THAT...
IT'S LIKE PUDDING! OR FLAN!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


PET
PET
THAT WAS A SCARY MOMENT FOR YOU, WASN'T IT?
A CAT THAT'S BODY FITS IN GIANT-SIZED PUDDING CUPS.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
PUDDING
POYO LIKES HIS FOREHEAD MASSAGED, DOESN'T HE?!
THERE YOU GO!
PURR
PURR
CUTE LITTLE POYO WOULD MAKE A GREAT VANILLA FLAVOR!
PUDDING, HUH? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
POYO'S BOOBY
MAYBE THE UPPER BACK?
MAYBE THE TOP?
THE LOWER BACK?
MAYBE THIS IS HIS HEAD?
HIS REAR?
MAYBE THE CHIN?
MAYBE THE STOMACH?
MAYBE THE CHEST?
DOES HE HAVE ONE?
FORE HEAD ...?
VANILLA
THAT PART IS DEFINITELY THE FOREHEAD!
OF COURSE!
a BETWEEN THE EARS
C. LENGTH UNDER THE EARS AND ABOVE THE EYES.
b DISTANCE BETWEEN THE EYES.
(a+b)×C×½=FORE-HEAD
DING!
IT STINKS.
VANILLA

WE WILL GUARD AGAINST RICE BANDITS!
PAPA THESE DAYS ...
PURR PURR PURR PURR
I'LL BRING OVER SOME RATIONS!
YOU'RE STAYING AT THE STORE-HOUSE AGAIN TONIGHT?
KURO REALLY LIKES YOU, DOESN'T HE?
USUALLY THE FOREHEAD IS HERE...
PURR PURR PURR
HMMM ...
PURR PURR PURR PURR PURR
NYAHHH
WHENEVER I PET HIM, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO ENJOY IT FOR SOME REASON!
30 MINS AGO
YOU'LL BE PACKED IN, POYO!
I WONDER ...
MEOWOW AOOOOWWW MEOOW
PURR PURR
AAAA MREOWAW!
AM I DOING SOME-THING WRONG?

APPRECIATIVE CAT


A MEETING OF CATS!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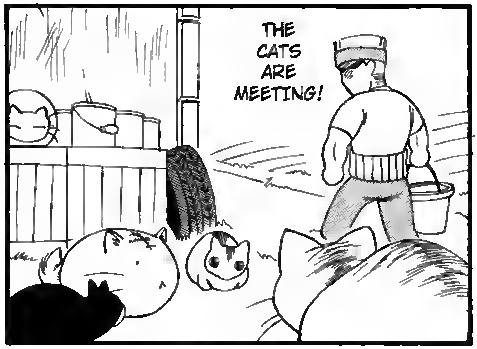
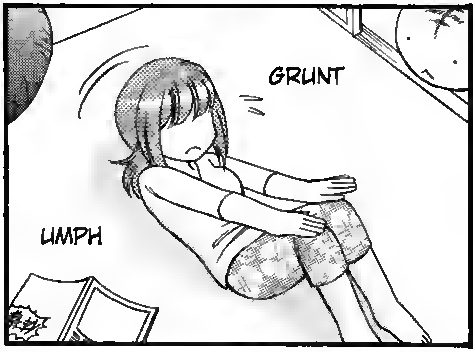

THE CATS ARE MEETING!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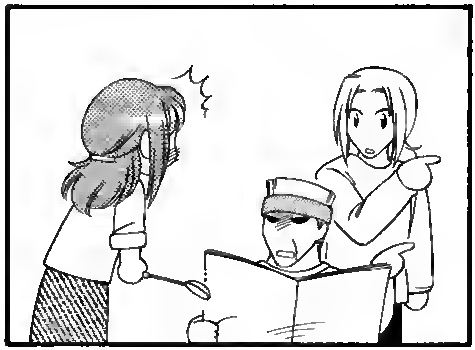
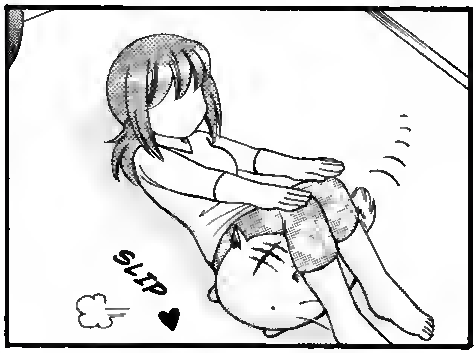
UMPH

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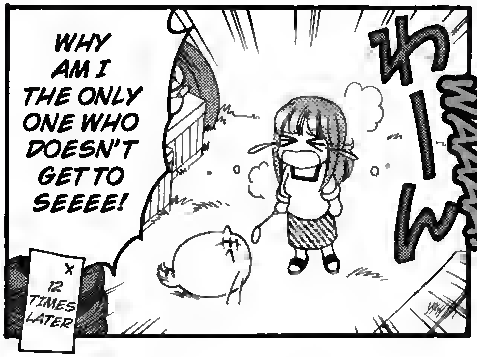
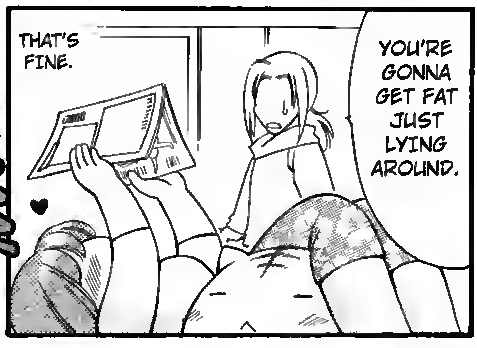
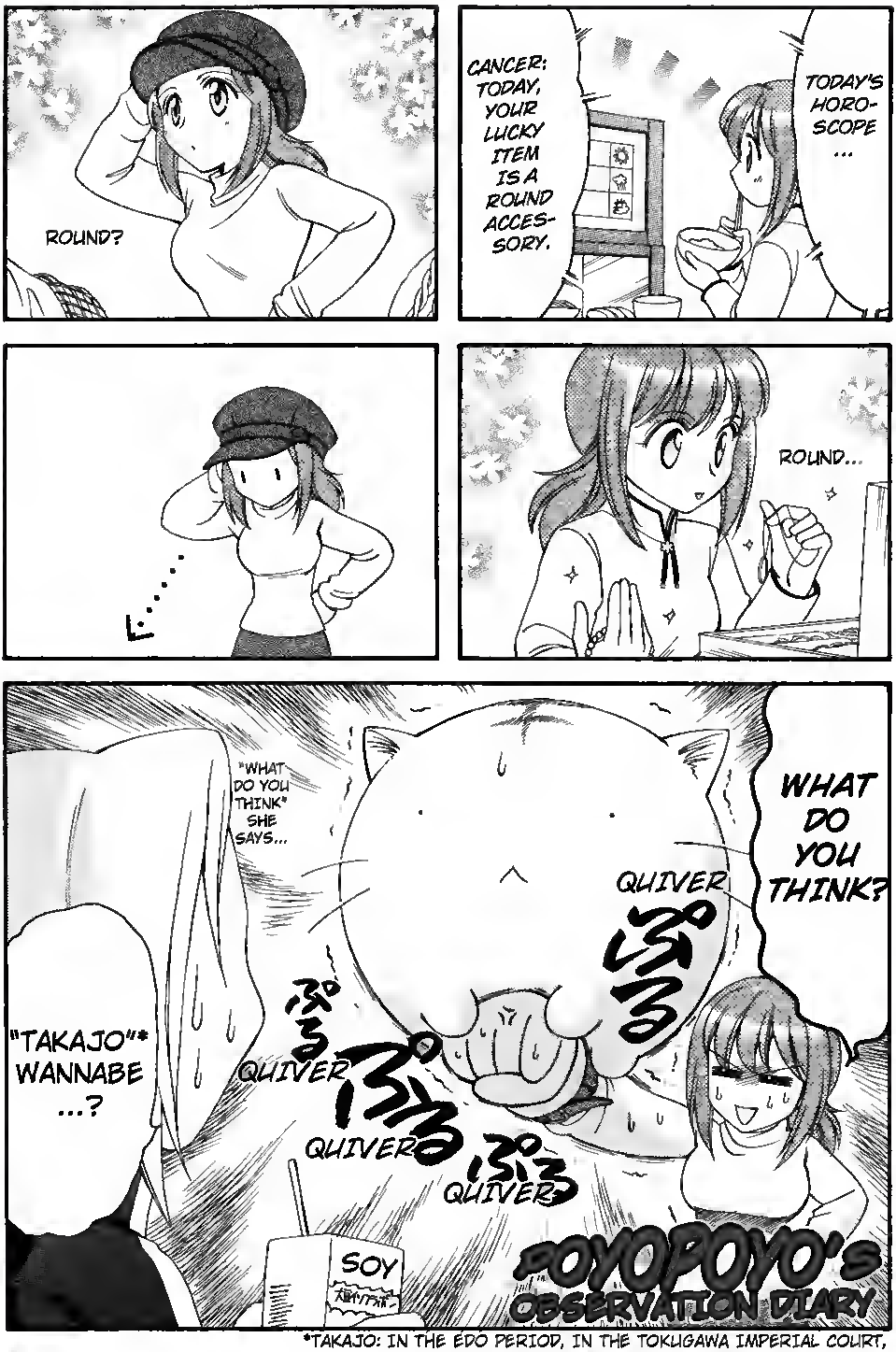

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T GET TO SEEEE!
WAAAA!
X 12 TIMES LATER

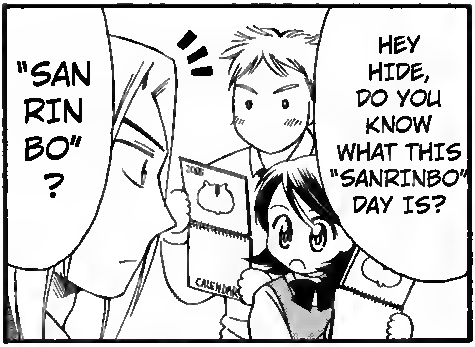

THAT'S FINE.
YOU'RE GONNA GET FAT JUST LYING AROUND.

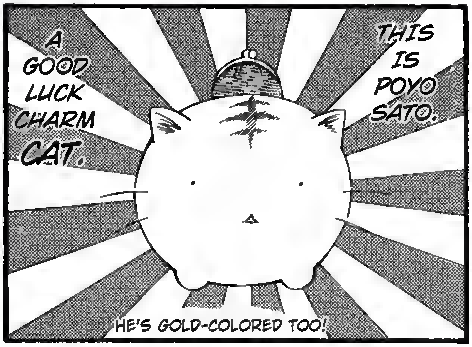
BIT-E
MREEOWW!
WHOA!
HE WAS BEAT UP BY THAT *WHISPER* *ALLEY CAT*.
WHAT HAP-PENED ?
ONE MEAN ALLEY CAT IF I EVER SAW ONE, FISH IN MOUTH AND ALL!
DIRTY
BOSS FACE
THAT IS...
ON TOP OF FENCE
BURNT SALMON
GET UP
OVER THERE I JUST SAW--
OH, HIDE!
BURST OPEN
POYO?
STEP
STEP
STEP
HIDES

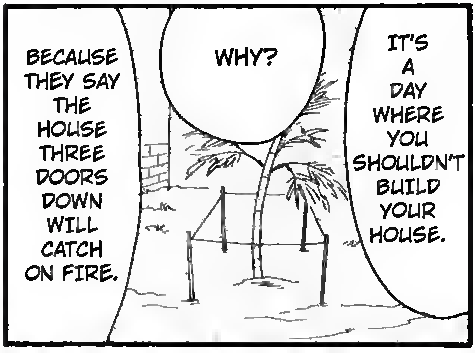
THAT'S WHAT A MALE'S GOTTA DO!
POYO! HE'S SO COOL!
PURR PURR
NEXT DAY
?
PET SHOP
SLASH!
CLAW!
MREEOWW!
MEW
MEW
MEW
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
POYO?! WHAT HAPPENED ?!
SWISH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
SHOCK!
H-HE'S ...
SO COOL!!
HE WON.
PTOOEY!
HAIR BALL

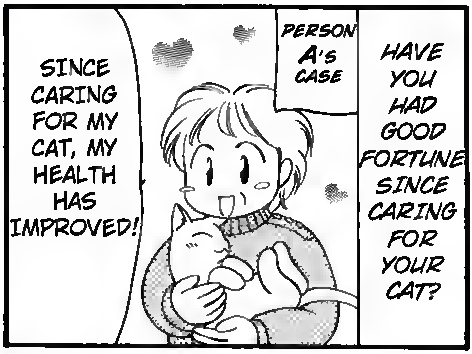


*TAKAJO: IN THE EDO PERIOD, IN THE TOKUGAWA IMPERIAL COURT, THE DAIMYOS WOULD HUNT WITH A FALCON ON THEIR ARM.

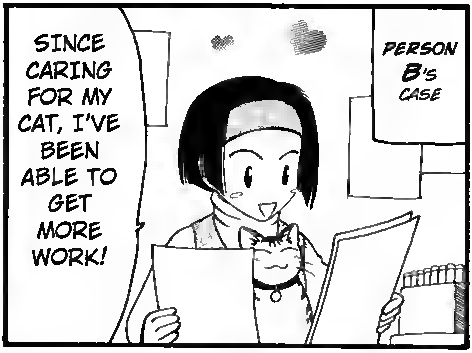

HEY HIDE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS "SANRINBO" DAY IS?
"SAN RIN BO" ?

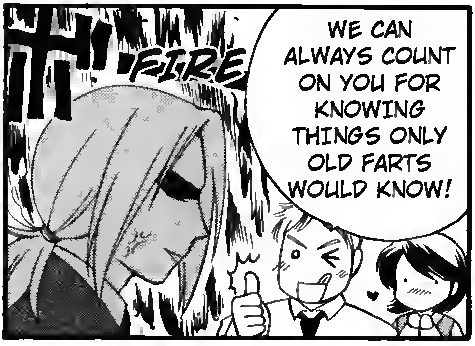

THIS IS POYO SATO.
A GOOD LUCK CHARM CAT.
HE'S GOLD-COLORED TOO!

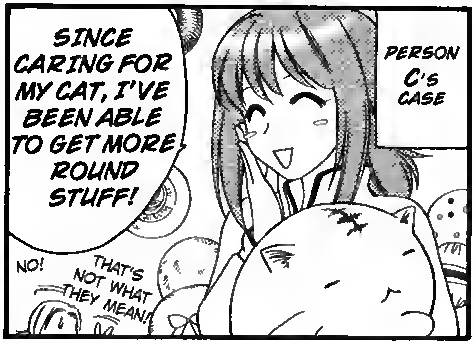

IT'S A DAY WHERE YOU SHOULDN'T BUILD YOUR HOUSE.
WHY?
BECAUSE THEY SAY THE HOUSE THREE DOORS DOWN WILL CATCH ON FIRE.

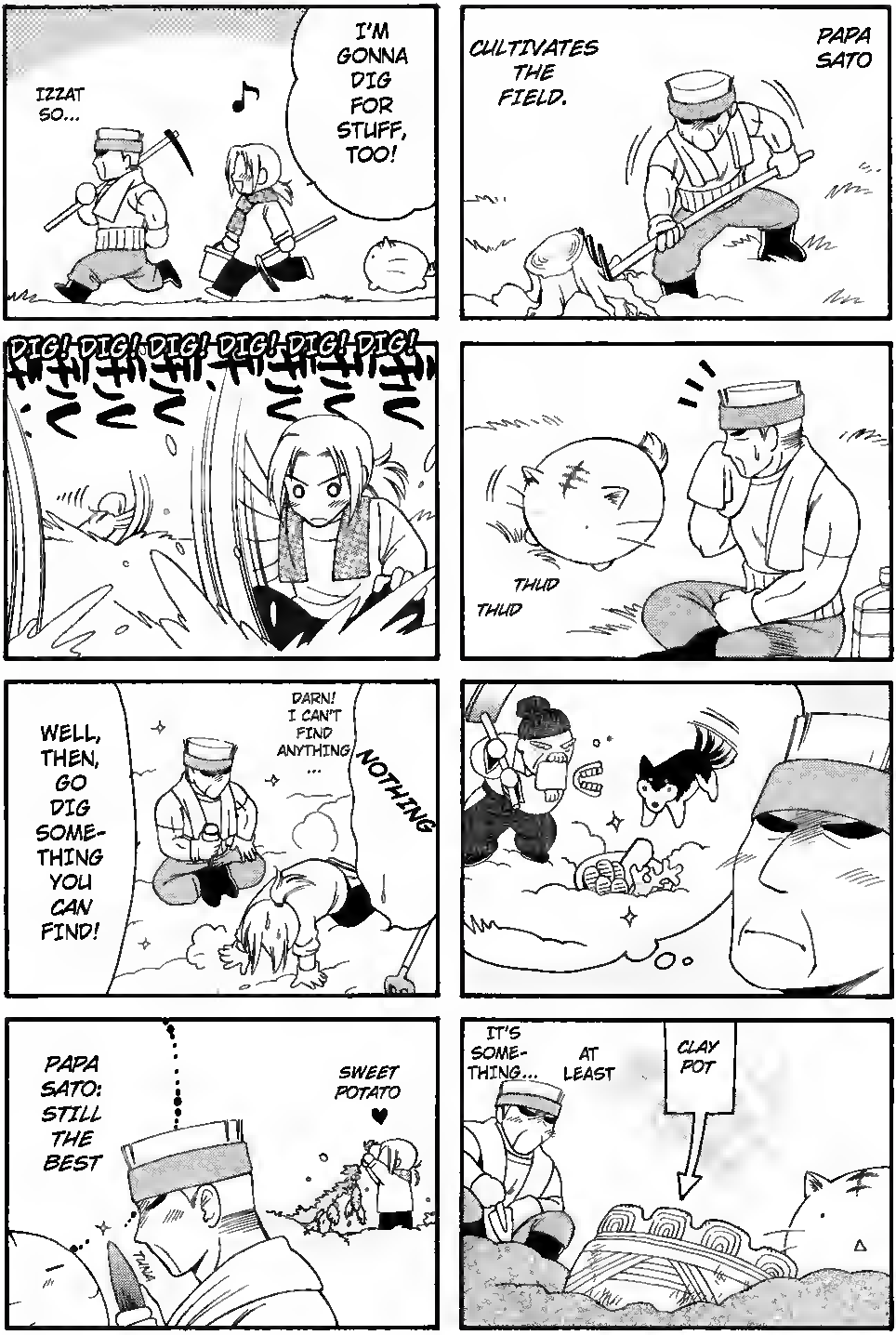

PERSON A'S CASE
HAVE YOU HAD GOOD FORTUNE SINCE CARING FOR YOUR CAT?
SINCE CARING FOR MY CAT, MY HEALTH HAS IMPROVED!

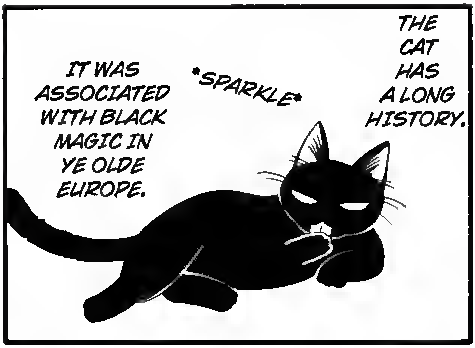
さんりん SIREN!
FIRE
AH! WE NEVER KNEW THAT!

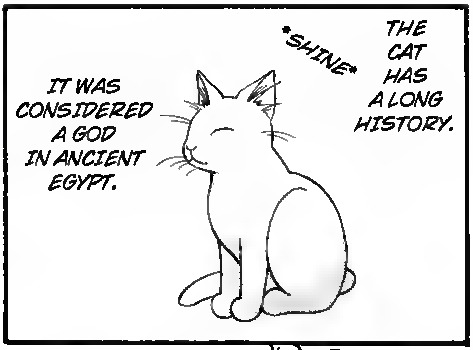

PERSON B'S CASE
SINCE CARING FOR MY CAT, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET MORE WORK!


FIRE
WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU FOR KNOWING THINGS ONLY OLD FARTS WOULD KNOW!


PERSON C'S CASE
SINCE CARING FOR MY CAT, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET MORE ROUND STUFF!
NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY MEAN!

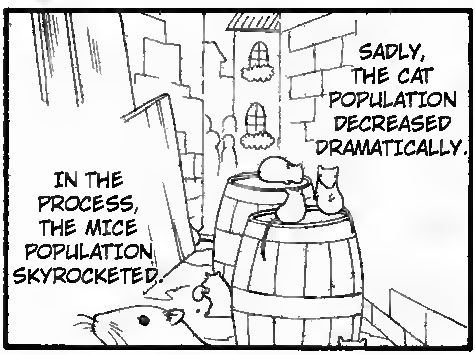

I'M GONNA DIG FOR STUFF, TOO!
IZZAT SO...
PAPA SATO
CULTIVATES THE FIELD.
DIG! DIG! DIG! DIG! DIG! DIG!
THUD
THUD
WELL, THEN, GO DIG SOME-THING YOU CAN FIND!
DARN! I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING ...
NOTHING
PAPA SATO: STILL THE BEST
SWEET POTATO
THUNK
IT'S SOME-THING...
AT LEAST
CLAY POT

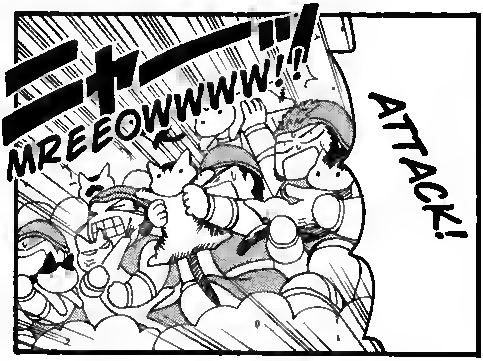

THE CAT HAS A LONG HISTORY.
SPARKLE
IT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BLACK MAGIC IN YE OLDE EUROPE.

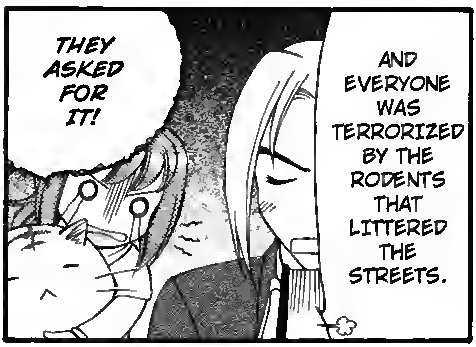

THE CAT HAS A LONG HISTORY.
SHINE
IT WAS CONSIDERED A GOD IN ANCIENT EGYPT.

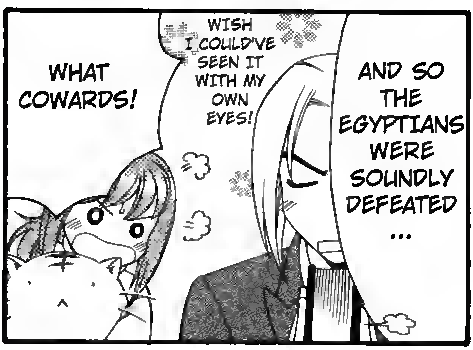
STOP IT!!
BURNT AT THE STAKE...
CATS WERE KILLED AS THEY WERE CONSIDERED TO BE PESTS.

PERSIA, AT WAR WITH EGYPT.
THOSE EGYPTIANS HAVE A WEAKNESS FOR CATS!
WE CAN USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE!


SADLY, THE CAT POPULATION DECREASED DRAMATICALLY.
IN THE PROCESS, THE MICE POPULATION SKYROCKETED.

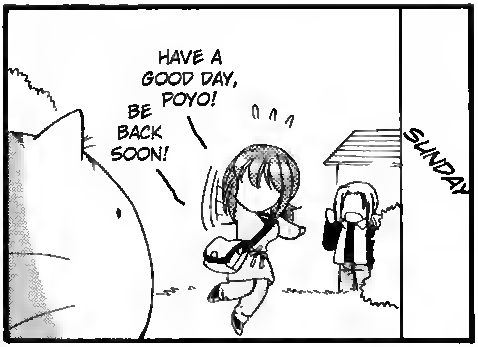

ATTACK!
MREEOWWW!!

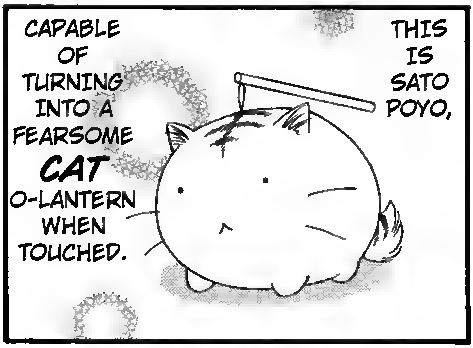

THEY ASKED FOR IT!
AND EVERYONE WAS TERRORIZED BY THE RODENTS THAT LITTERED THE STREETS.


WHAT COWARDS!
WISH I COULD'VE SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES!
AND SO THE EGYPTIANS WERE SOUNDLY DEFEATED ...

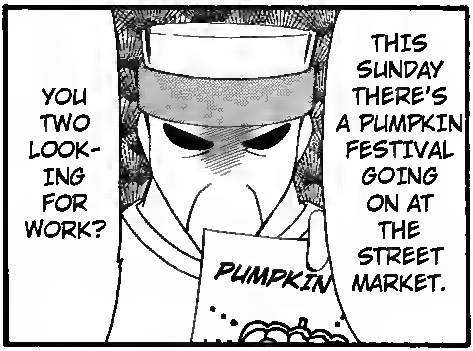
THIS IS ABOUT ALL THE POPULAR ONES I CAN FIND.
I MEAN, THEY WERE USED BY WIZARDS AND WITCHES, WEREN'T THEY?
AND SIS ON
GRIMM
THERE ARE FEWER FAIRY TALES WITH CATS THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.
HE'D BE OKAY REGARDLESS. HE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE A CAT.
HUG
I'M GLAD THAT POYO AND I WERE BORN IN THIS PERIOD!
"PUSS IN BOOTS"
SO CUTE!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
LIKE THAT CREATURE FROM THE STORY "ALICE IN WONDERLAND!"
HE'S MORE LIKE A FAIRY TALE CREATURE THAN A WITCH'S CAT.
THADUNK!
"THE CHESHIRE CAT"!
FROM THAT NIGHT ON, SIS BECAME THE PEACH COBBLER.
I WAS THINKING "HUMPTY DUMPTY"...

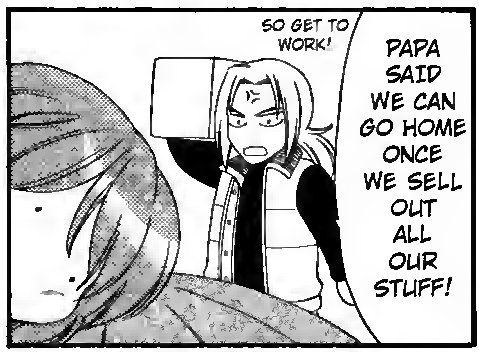
TOWN
PUMPKIN
FESTIVAL
POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY

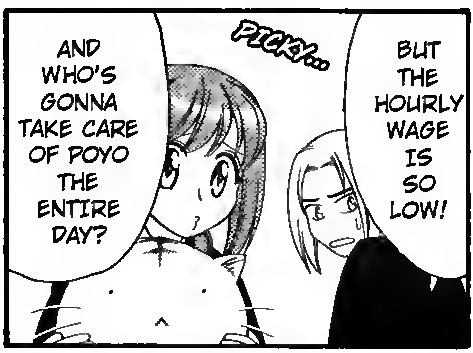

HAVE A GOOD DAY, POYO!
BE BACK SOON!
SUNDAY

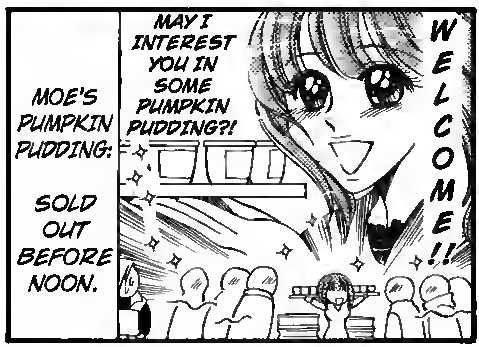

THIS IS SATO POYO,
CAPABLE OF TURNING INTO A FEARSOME CAT O-LANTERN WHEN TOUCHED.

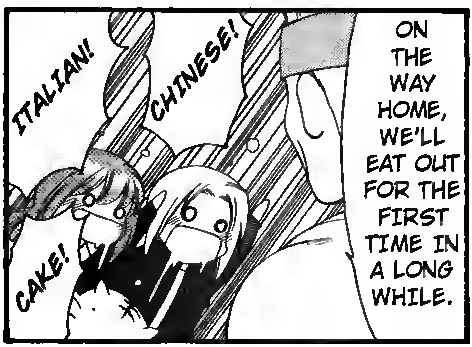
I MISS HIM SO MUCH!
POYO!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIS SIDE.


YOU TWO LOOKING FOR WORK?
PUMPKIN
THIS SUNDAY THERE'S A PUMPKIN FESTIVAL GOING ON AT THE STREET MARKET.

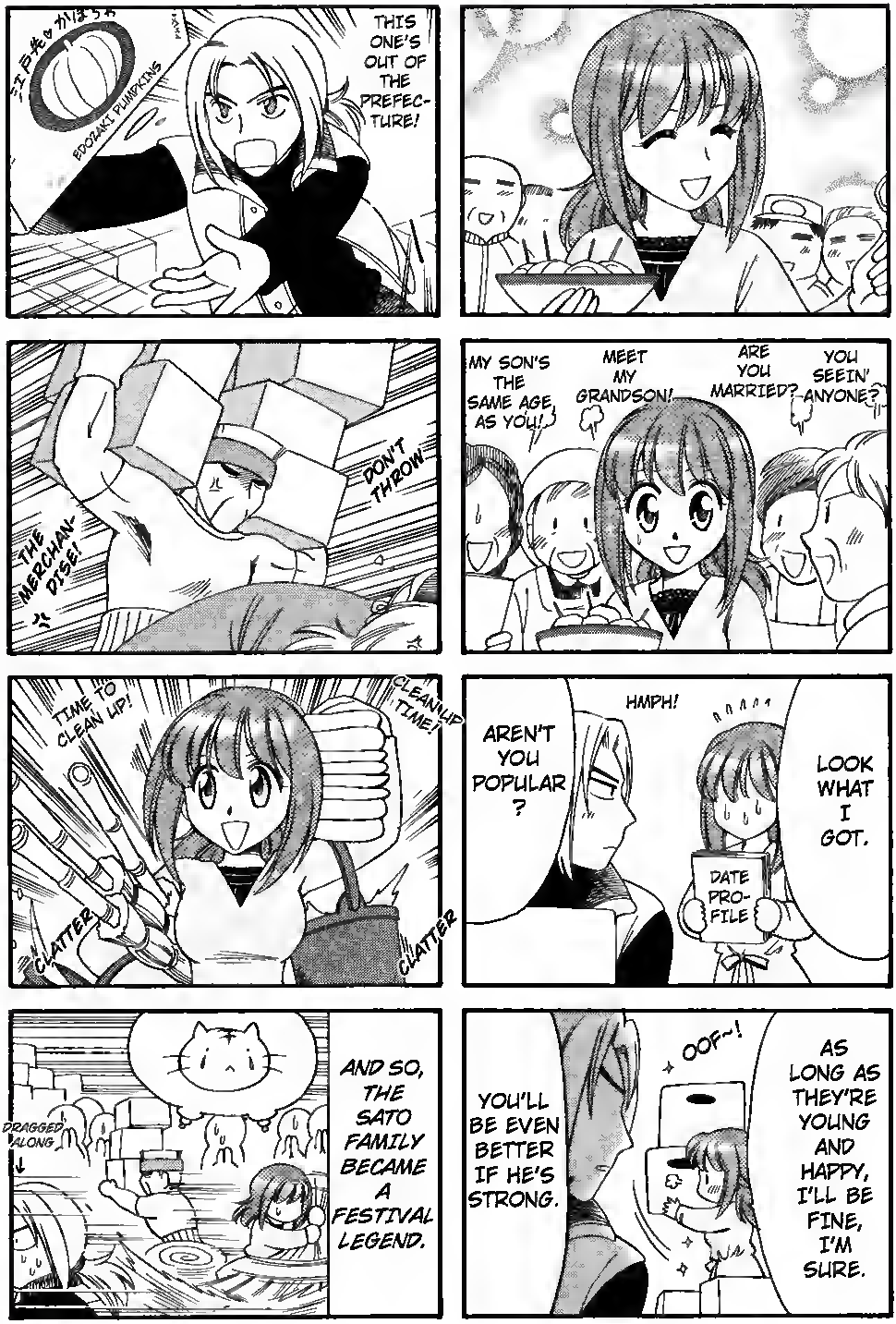

SO GET TO WORK!
PAPA SAID WE CAN GO HOME ONCE WE SELL OUT ALL OUR STUFF!

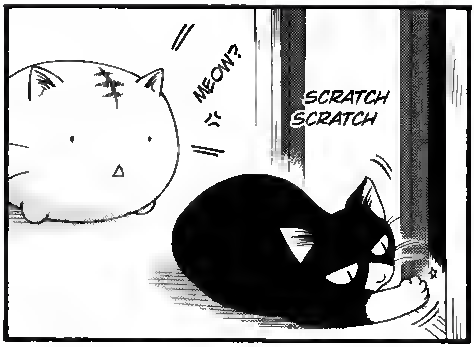

AND WHO'S GONNA TAKE CARE OF POYO THE ENTIRE DAY?
PIGA?...
BUT THE HOURLY WAGE IS SO LOW!

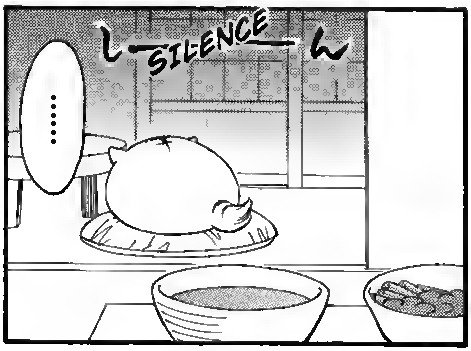

MOE'S PUMPKIN PUDDING:
SOLD OUT BEFORE NOON.
MAY I INTEREST YOU IN SOME PUMPKIN PUDDING?!
WELCOME!!


ITALIAN!
CHINESE!
CAKE!
ON THE WAY HOME, WE'LL EAT OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE.

I'M HERE FOR SOME PUMPKIN PUDDING!
OH, HIDE!
OH! "TSUKU-DANI"!
IT'S MAKI!
HIDE'S CLASS-MATE
WE STILL HAVE PUMPKINS LEFT, THOUGH!
YOU'RE SOLD OUT?!
POYO!
IT'S MAMA!
FRESH PUMPKINS
1050円
ガリガリ
GNAW
GNAW
I HAVE TO HELP OUT HERE FOR A BIT LONGER.
ARE YOU BEING A GOOD BOY ?
3RD ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
WATCH THE CANINE CRUSHING MACHINE!
EDOZAKI PUMPKINS FOR THE YEAR END!
NEXT YEAR'S FLYER.
MY PUDDING !
A POINTLESS WORRY...
I HOPE YOU DON'T MISS MAMA TOO MUCH!
SILENCE


EDOZAKI PUMPKINS
THIS ONE'S OUT OF THE PREFECTURE!
DON'T THROW THE MERCHANDISE!
MY SON'S THE SAME AGE AS YOU!
MEET MY GRANDSON!
ARE YOU MARRIED?
YOU SEEIN' ANYONE?
TIME TO CLEAN UP!
CLEAN UP TIME!
CLATTER
CLATTER
AREN'T YOU POPULAR?
HMPH!
LOOK WHAT I GOT.
DATE PROFILE
DRAGGED ALONG
AND SO, THE SATO FAMILY BECAME A FESTIVAL LEGEND.
YOU'LL BE EVEN BETTER IF HE'S STRONG.
OOF~!
AS LONG AS THEY'RE YOUNG AND HAPPY, I'LL BE FINE, I'M SURE.
WELL,


MEOW?
SCRATCH SCRATCH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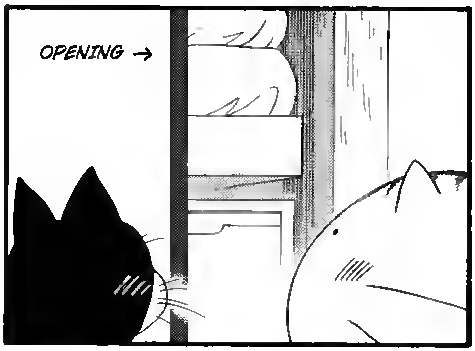
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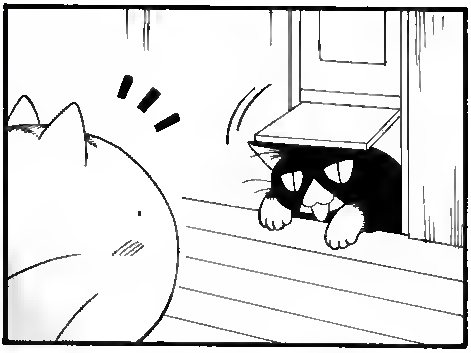

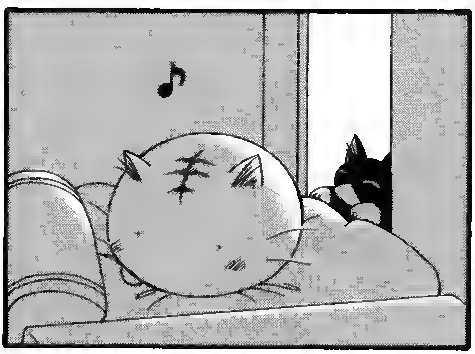

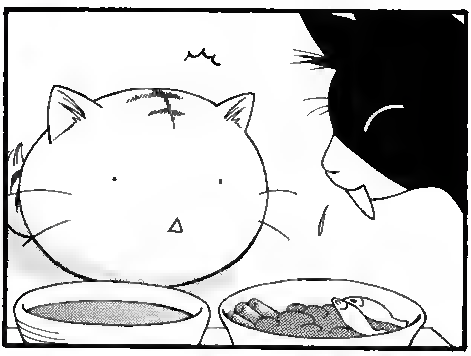

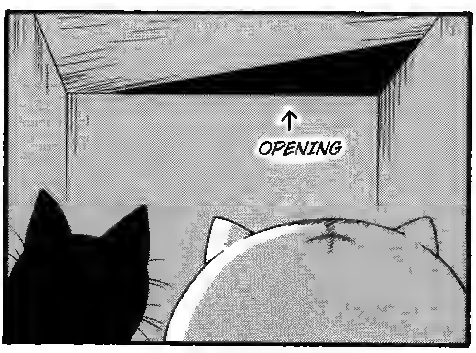
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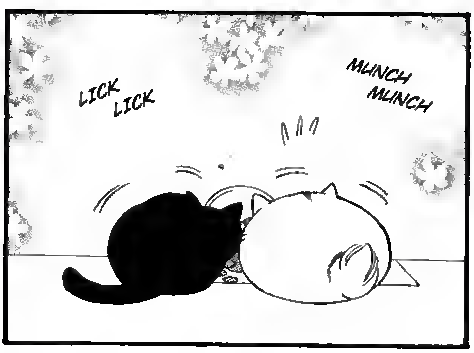
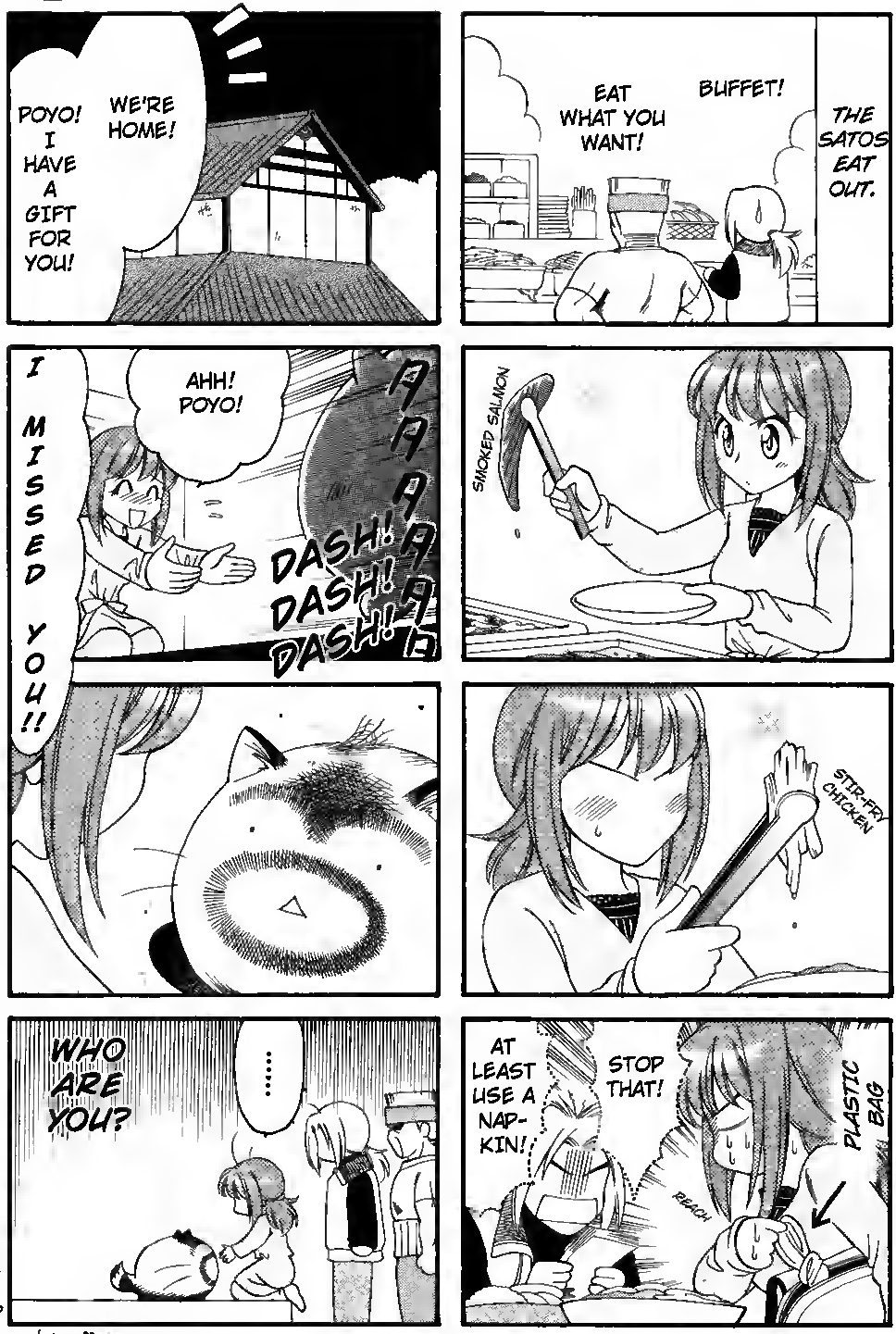
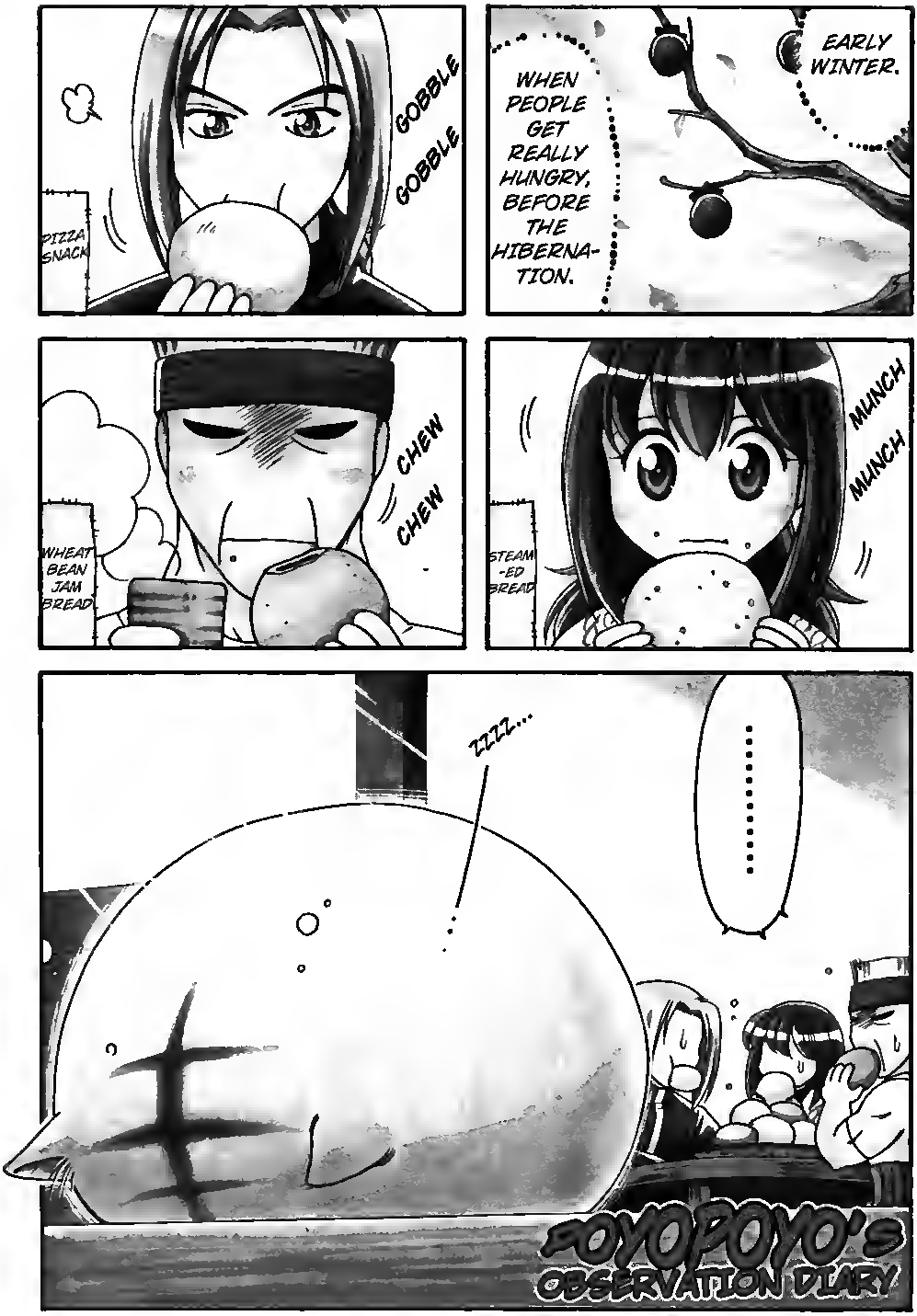
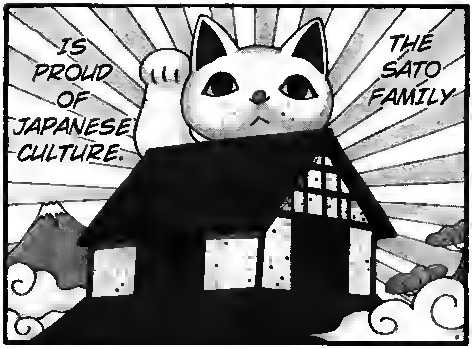
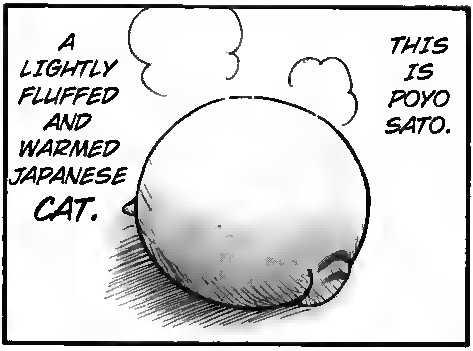
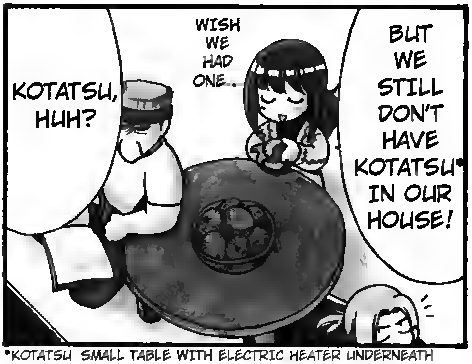

LICK LICK
MUNCH MUNCH


WE'RE HOME!
POYO! I HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!
THE SATOS EAT OUT.
BUFFET!
EAT WHAT YOU WANT!
SMOKED SALMON
AHH! POYO!
I MISSED YOU!!
DASH! DASH! DASH!
STIR-FRY CHICKEN
WHO ARE YOU?
.....
STOP THAT!
AT LEAST USE A NAP-KIN!
PLASTIC BAG
REACH
AND WHO ARE YOU?
MEEOW!

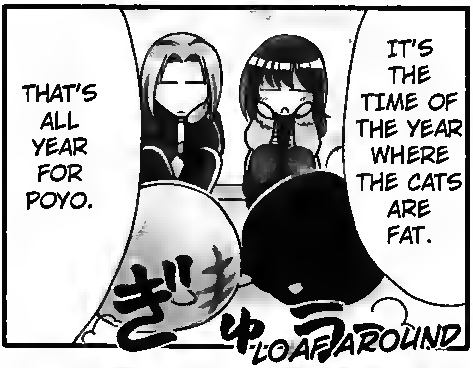

GOBBLE GOBBLE
PIZZA SNACK
EARLY WINTER.
WHEN PEOPLE GET REALLY HUNGRY, BEFORE THE HIBERNA-TION.
CHEW CHEW
WHEAT BEAN JAM BREAD
MUNCH MUNCH
STEAM -ED BREAD
ZZZZ...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

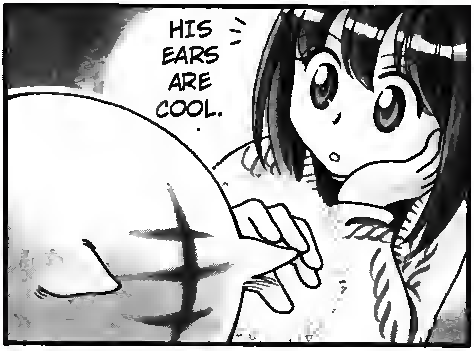


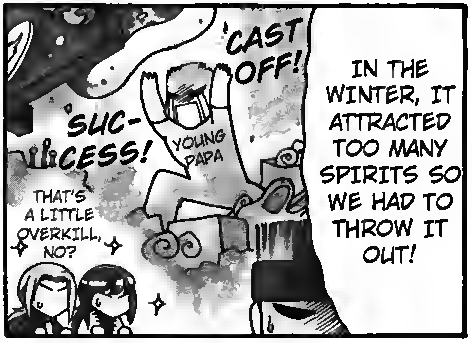


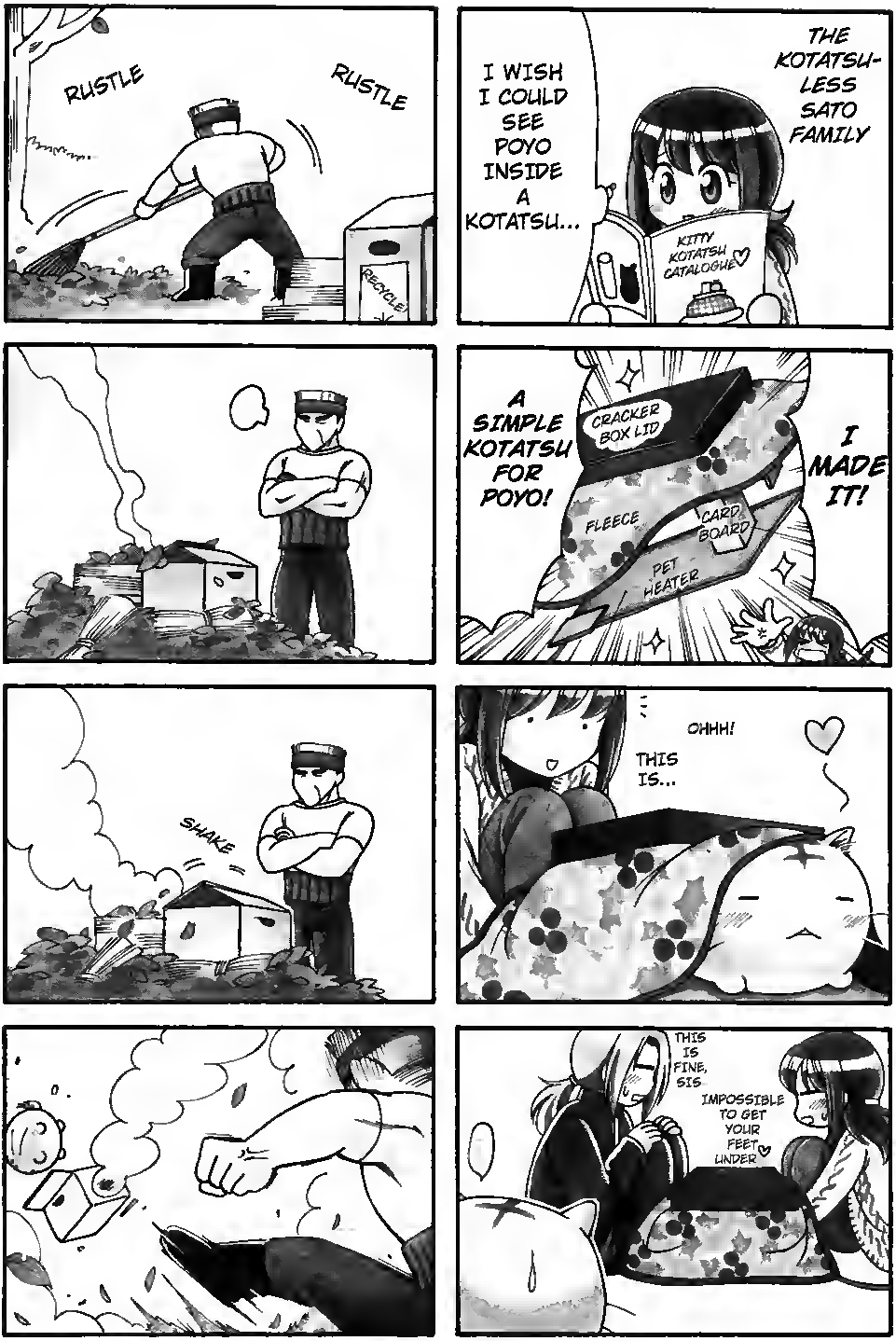


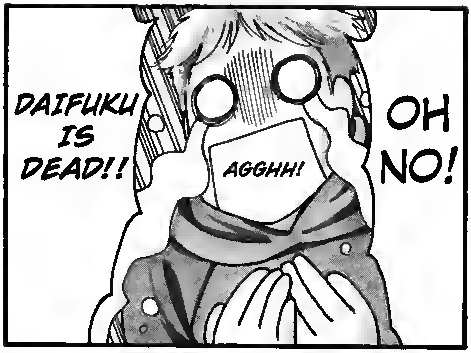
*KOTATSU: SMALL TABLE WITH ELECTRIC HEATER UNDERNEATH

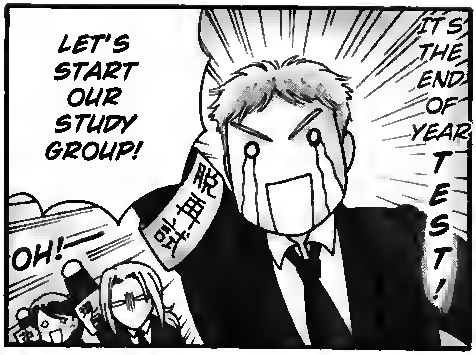


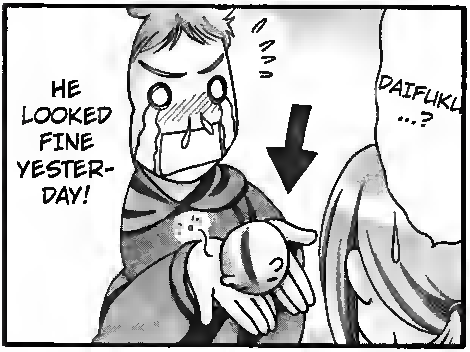


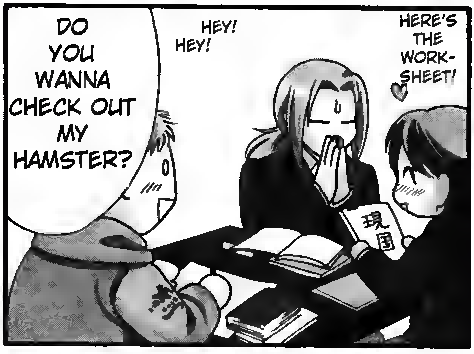

IN THE WINTER, IT ATTRACTED TOO MANY SPIRITS SO WE HAD TO THROW IT OUT!
CAST OFF!
SUC-CESS!
YOUNG PAPA
THAT'S A LITTLE OVERKILL, NO?

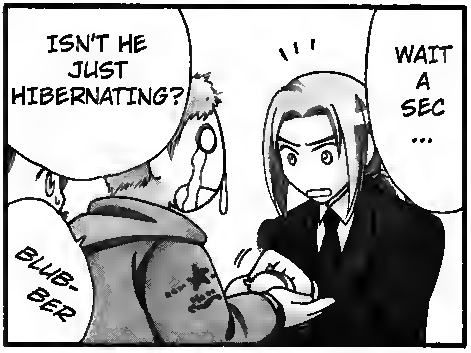

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RECYCLE
I WISH I COULD SEE POYO INSIDE A KOTATSU...
THE KOTATSU-LESS SATO FAMILY
KITTY KOTATSU CATALOGUE
A SIMPLE KOTATSU FOR POYO!
CRACKER BOX LID
FLEECE
CARD-BOARD
PET HEATER
I MADE IT!
SHAKE
OHHH!
THIS IS...
THIS IS FINE, SIS
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET YOUR FEET UNDER

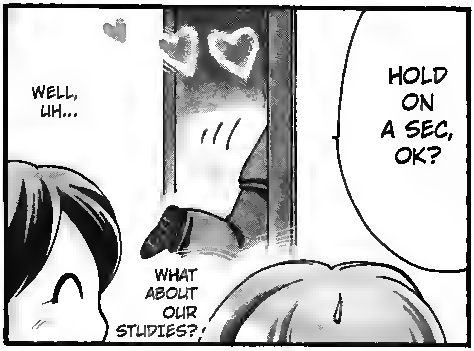

DAIFUKU IS DEAD!!
AGGHH!
OH NO!

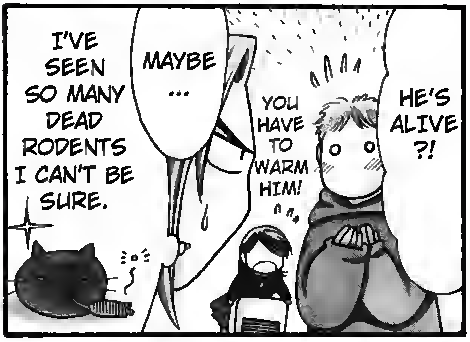

LET'S START OUR STUDY GROUP!
IT'S THE END OF YEAR TEST!
OH!


HE LOOKED FINE YESTER-DAY!
!!!
DAIFUKU ...?

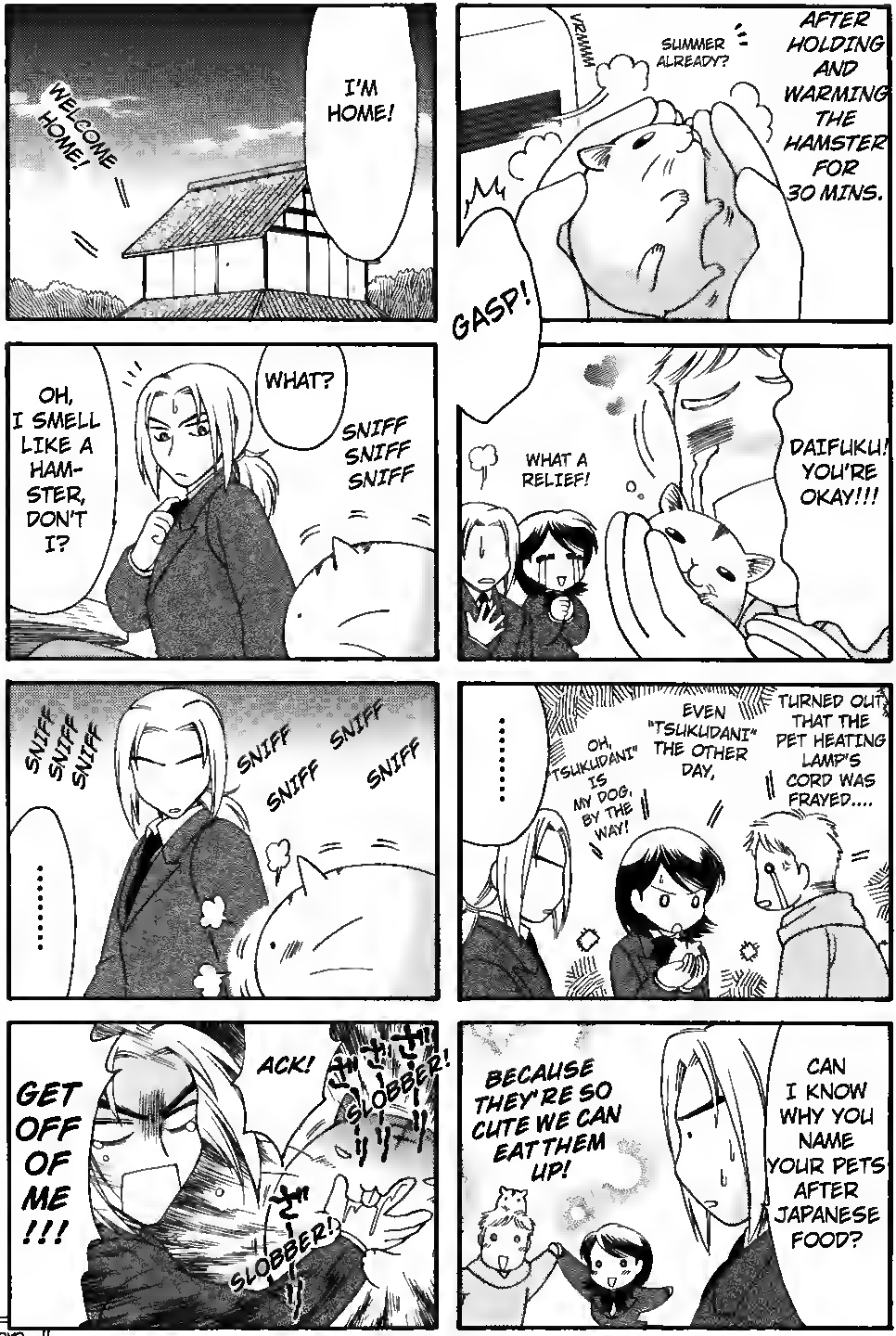

DO YOU WANNA CHECK OUT MY HAMSTER?
HEY! HEY!
HERE'S THE WORK-SHEET!

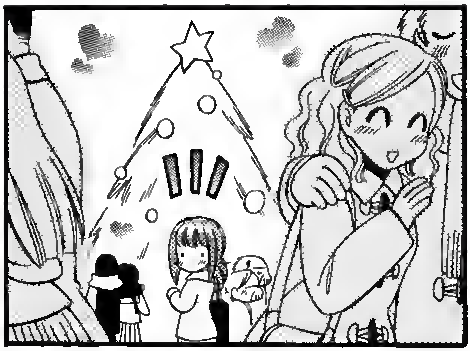

ISN'T HE JUST HIBERNATING?
WAIT A SEC ...
BLUB-BER


WELL, UH...
HOLD ON A SEC, OK?
WHAT ABOUT OUR STUDIES?!

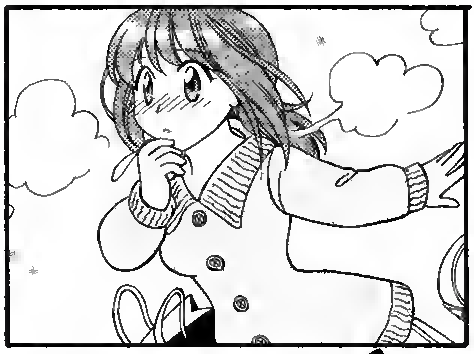

I'VE SEEN SO MANY DEAD RODENTS I CAN'T BE SURE.
MAYBE ...
YOU HAVE TO WARM HIM!
HE'S ALIVE ?!

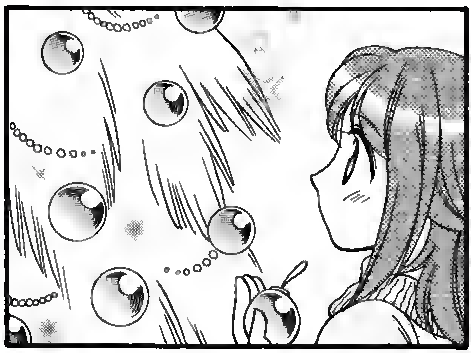
WHAAAAAAA?!

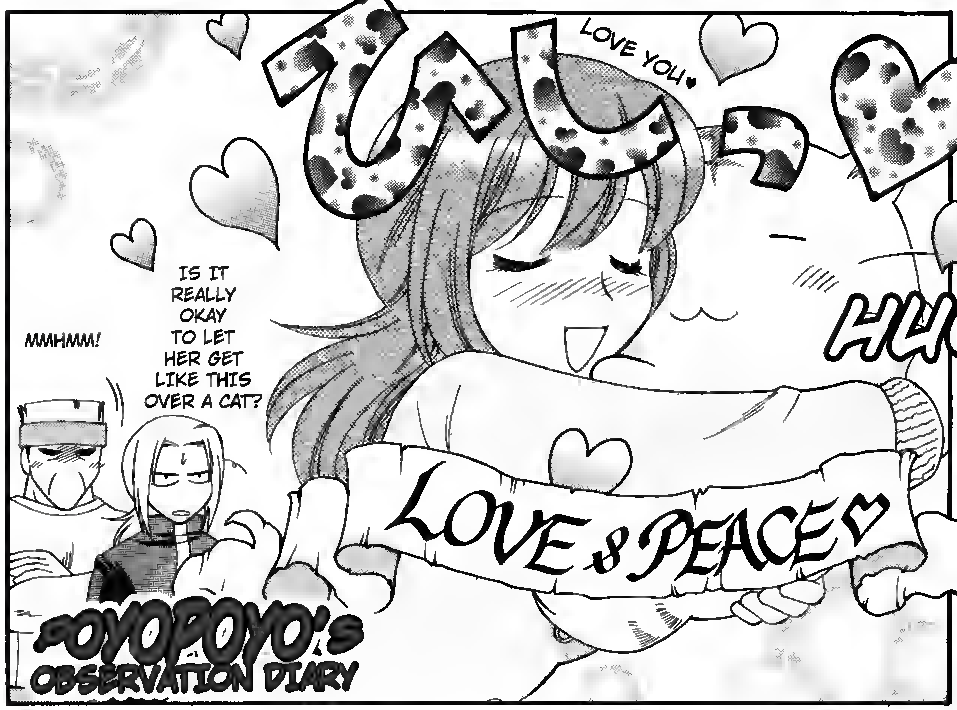

I'M HOME!
WELCOME HOME!
VRUMMM
SUMMER ALREADY?
AFTER HOLDING AND WARMING THE HAMSTER FOR 30 MINS.
GASP!
WHAT A RELIEF!
DAIFUKU! YOU'RE OKAY!!!
WHAT?
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
OH, I SMELL LIKE A HAM-STER, DON'T I?
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
.....
.....
OH, "TSUKUDANI" IS MY DOG, BY THE WAY!
EVEN "TSUKUDANI" THE OTHER DAY,
TURNED OUT THAT THE PET HEATING LAMP'S CORD WAS FRAYED....
GET OFF OF ME !!!
ACK!
SLOBBER!
SLOBBER!
SLOBBER!
BECAUSE THEY'RE SO CUTE WE CAN EAT THEM UP!
CAN I KNOW WHY YOU NAME YOUR PETS AFTER JAPANESE FOOD?

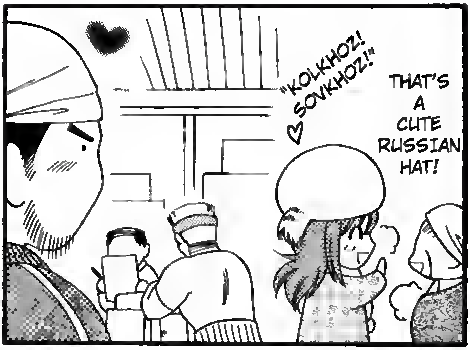


OW!
BOINK!



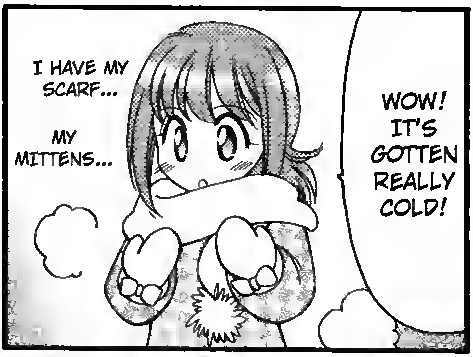


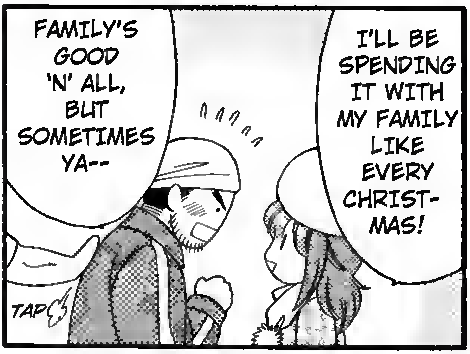

LOVE YOU!
HUG
LOVE & PEACE
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET HER GET LIKE THIS OVER A CAT?
MMHMM!
YOYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

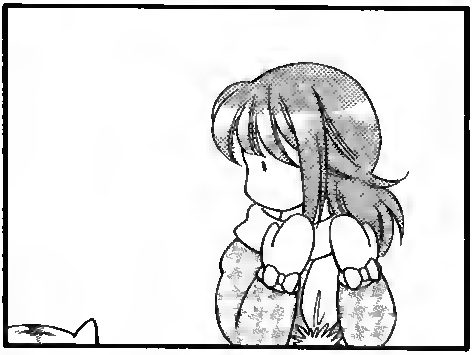

"KOLKHOZ! SOVKHOZ!"
THAT'S A CUTE RUSSIAN HAT!

BOTH A CAT AND A CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT.
THIS IS POYO SATO,
HUGE

YA HAVE ANY PLANS FER THIS CHRISTMAS?
HEY MOE!

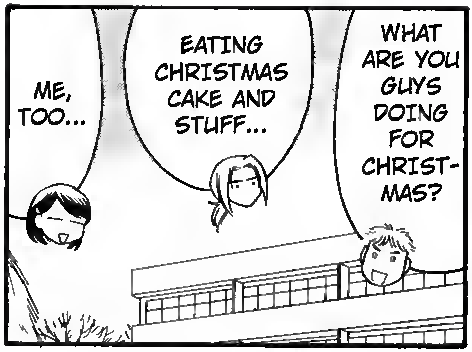

I HAVE MY SCARF...
MY MITTENS...
WOW! IT'S GOTTEN REALLY COLD!

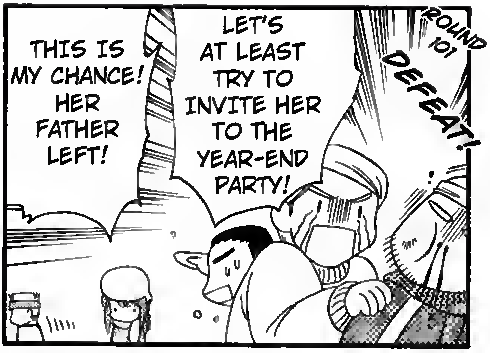

FAMILY'S GOOD 'N' ALL, BUT SOMETIMES YA--
I'LL BE SPENDING IT WITH MY FAMILY LIKE EVERY CHRIST-MAS!
TAP

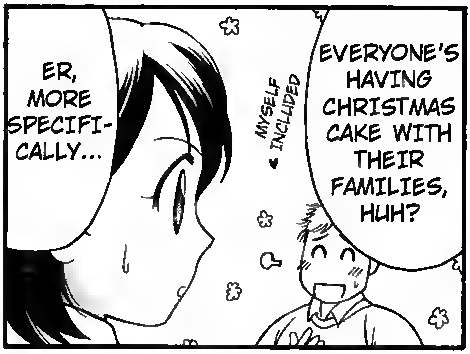


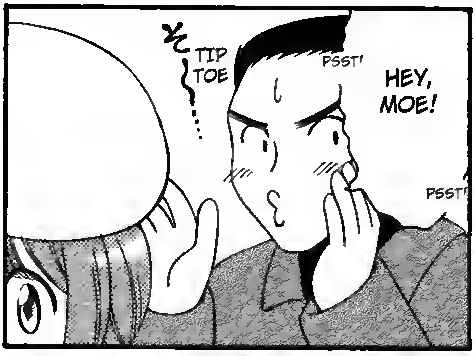
GO THROUGH ME, FIRST!
CRACK
CRACK
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET TO KNOW THIS FAMILY A LITTLE BETTER ?!
YOU'RE LIKE THE GODFATHER!

WHAT ARE YOU? RUSSIAN ?

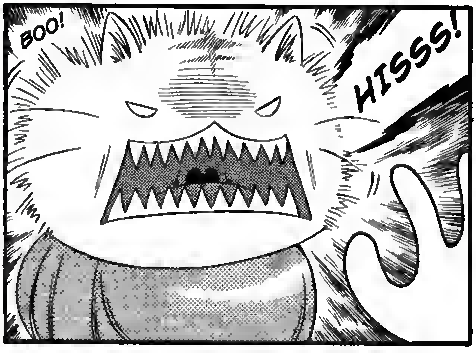

ME, TOO...
EATING CHRISTMAS CAKE AND STUFF...
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING FOR CHRIST-MAS?


THIS IS MY CHANCE! HER FATHER LEFT!
LET'S AT LEAST TRY TO INVITE HER TO THE YEAR-END PARTY!
ROUND 101
DEFEAT!


ER, MORE SPECIFI-CALLY...
MYSELF INCLUDED
EVERYONE'S HAVING CHRISTMAS CAKE WITH THEIR FAMILIES, HUH?


TIP TOE
PSST!
HEY, MOE!
PSST!

WE RUN A CAKE SHOP ...
I'LL BE HELPING OUT WITH THE FAMILY BUSI-NESS.


BOO!
HISSS!

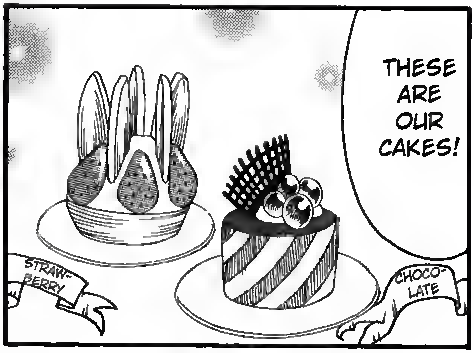
TREMBLE
I'D LIKE TO FEED THIS HOLIDAY TO THE DOGS!!
TREMBLE
UNDER-STANDS HER PAIN.
TREMBLE
IT'S THE CHRIST-MAS RUSH, YOU KNOW?!

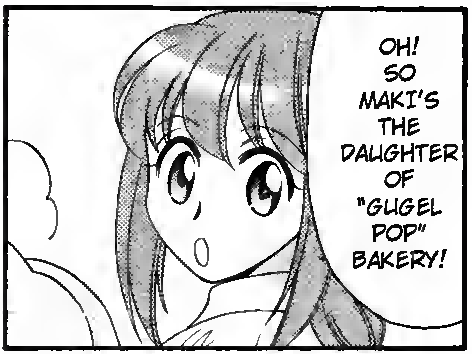
THE MOE FAN CLUB
THIS YEAR, TOO!
DEFEAT!
THAT HAT... WAS AN EVIL CAT MONS-TER!
? A WHAT?

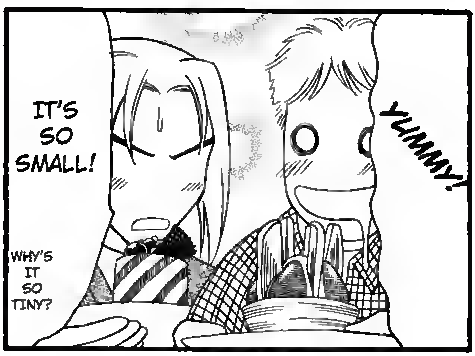
RICE-PLANTING SON
HIDE

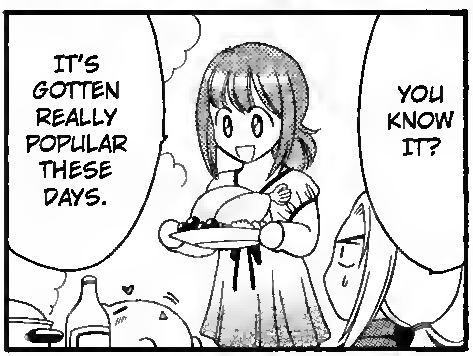
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
WELCOME! MY NAME IS TSUKUDANI
BOTH MY BODY AND SOUL...
IT'S COLD.
CUDDLE POP!
I'M THE ONLY ONE HE LICKS!
GIGGLE
HE'S PRETTY GENTLE, ISN'T HE?
WOW!
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE FUN OF YOU!
HO! HO! HO!
IT'S HIDE!
THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
MY DAD TOOK CARE OF THAT A LONG TIME AGO.
?
IT SMELLS SO GOOD AND ALL! ♡
HE MUST REALLY WANT THE CAKES IN YOUR SHOP.
SYMPATHY
WAIT JUST A LITTLE!
?
FLUSTERED
W-WAIT
SO DOG TREATS ARE RESTRICTED TO OUTSIDE...
WHIMPER WHIMPER
WHEN HE WAS A PUPPY, DAD WOULD PURPOSELY BAKE HANABERO PEPPER COOKIES.
BAD DOG!
RSISTENT, ISN'T SHE?
UNIFORM
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!

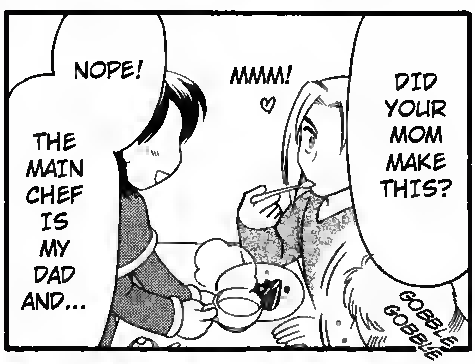
AHOOOO!

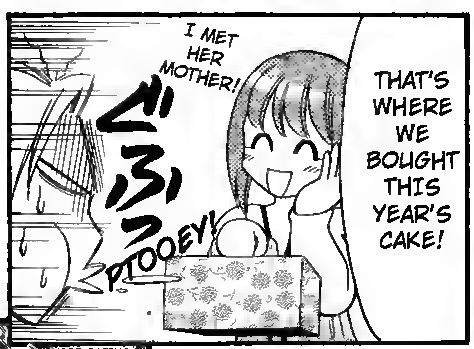

THESE ARE OUR CAKES!
STRAW-BERRY
CHOCO-LATE

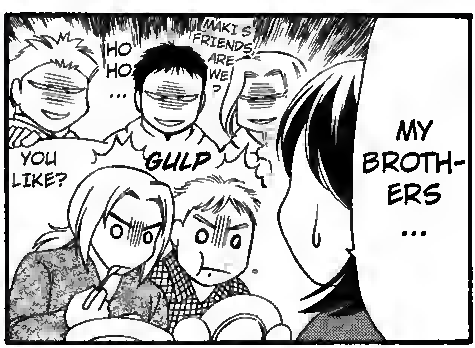

OH! SO MAKI'S THE DAUGHTER OF "GUGEL POP" BAKERY!


IT'S SO SMALL!
WHY'S IT SO TINY?
YUMMY!

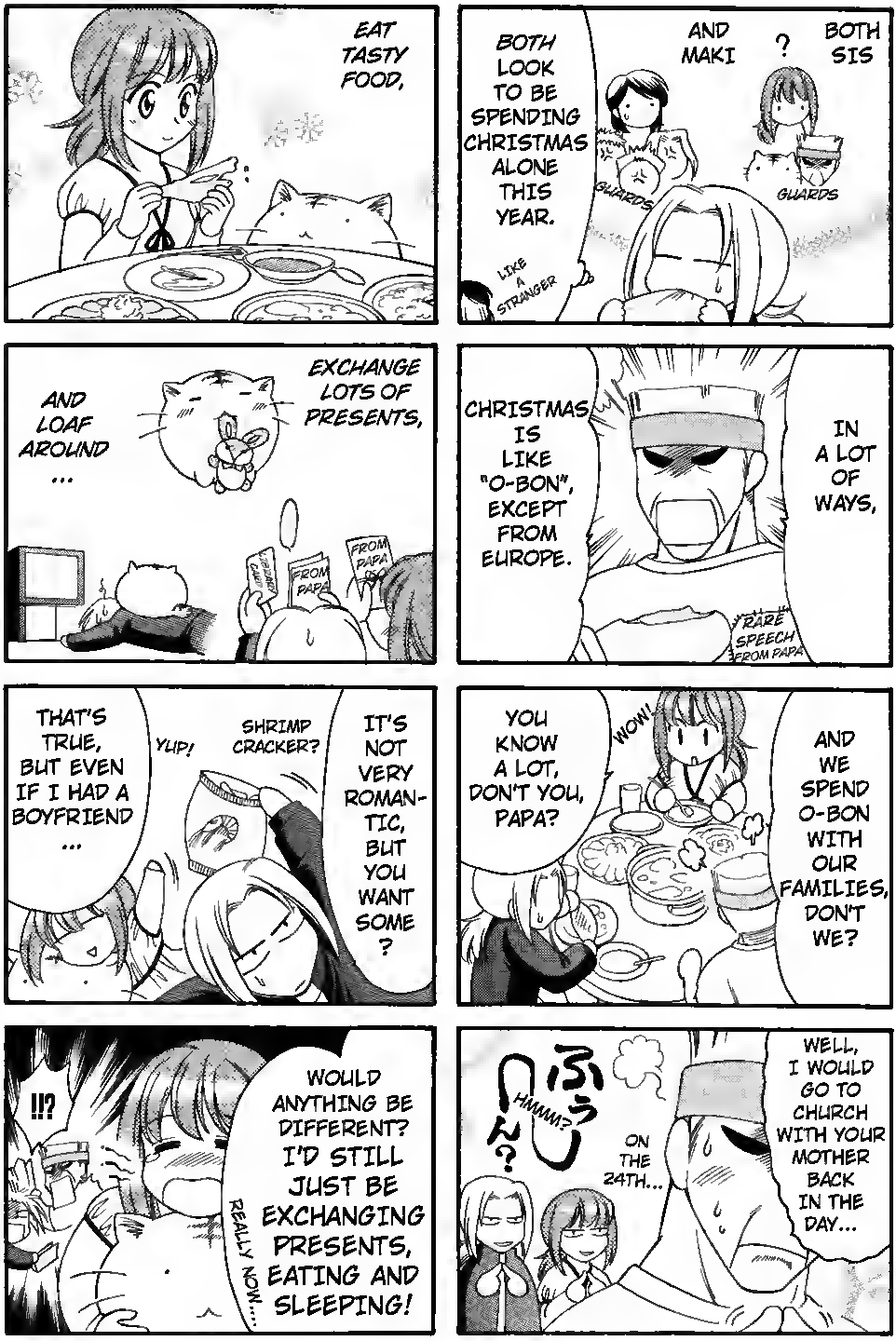

IT'S GOTTEN REALLY POPULAR THESE DAYS.
YOU KNOW IT?


NOPE!
THE MAIN CHEF IS MY DAD AND...
MMM!
DID YOUR MOM MAKE THIS?
GOBBLE GOBBLE


I MET HER MOTHER!
PTOOEY!
THAT'S WHERE WE BOUGHT THIS YEAR'S CAKE!


MAKI'S FRIENDS ARE WE?
HO HO...
YOU LIKE?
GULP
MY BROTH-ERS ...

STOP IT!
KEEP EATING 'TIL YOU BURST!


EAT TASTY FOOD,
BOTH LOOK TO BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE THIS YEAR.
LIKE A STRANGER
AND MAKI
?
BOTH SIS
GUARDS
GUARDS
EXCHANGE LOTS OF PRESENTS,
AND LOAF AROUND ...
FROM PAPA
FROM PAPA
CHRISTMAS IS LIKE "O-BON", EXCEPT FROM EUROPE.
IN A LOT OF WAYS,
RARE SPEECH FROM PAPA
THAT'S TRUE, BUT EVEN IF I HAD A BOYFRIEND ...
YUP!
SHRIMP CRACKER?
IT'S NOT VERY ROMANTIC, BUT YOU WANT SOME?
YOU KNOW A LOT, DON'T YOU, PAPA?
WOW!
AND WE SPEND O-BON WITH OUR FAMILIES, DON'T WE?
!!?
WOULD ANYTHING BE DIFFERENT? I'D STILL JUST BE EXCHANGING PRESENTS, EATING AND SLEEPING!
REALLY NOW...
ふぅん?
HMMM?
ON THE 24TH...
WELL, I WOULD GO TO CHURCH WITH YOUR MOTHER BACK IN THE DAY...

HUH?
FOOT WARMING PACK!
?!
WHAM!
GET OUT!
NICE AND TOASTY!
AHHH!
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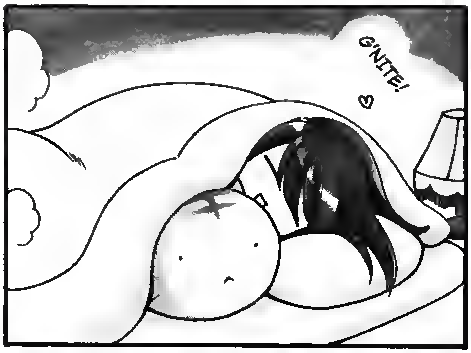
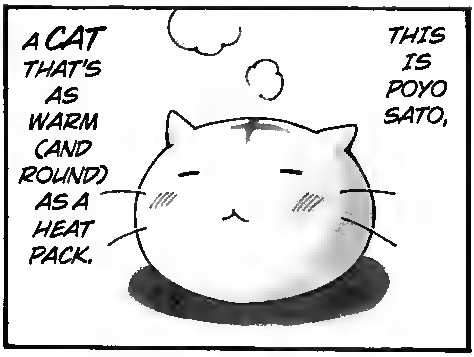
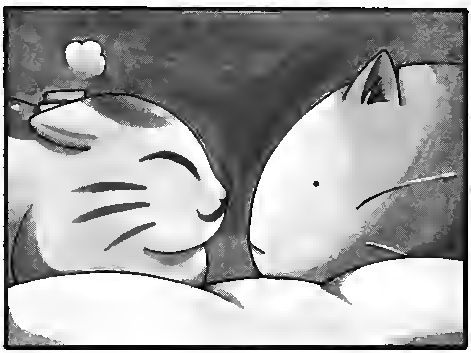
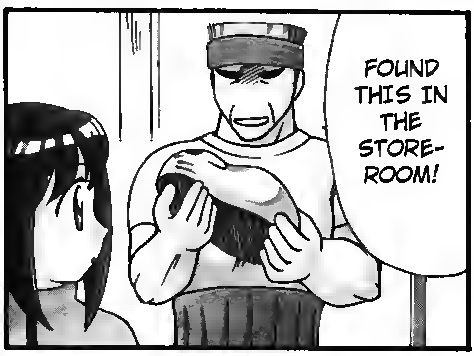
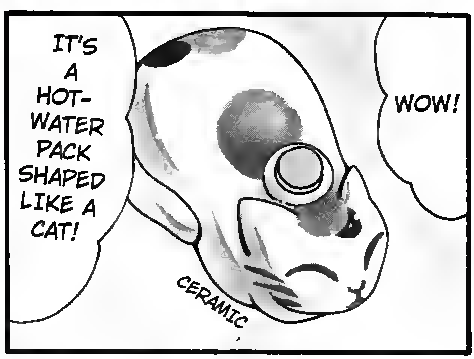

G'NITE!

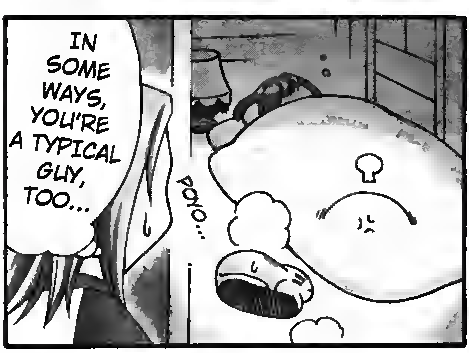

THIS IS POYO SATO,
A CAT THAT'S AS WARM (AND ROUND) AS A HEAT PACK.




FOUND THIS IN THE STORE-ROOM!

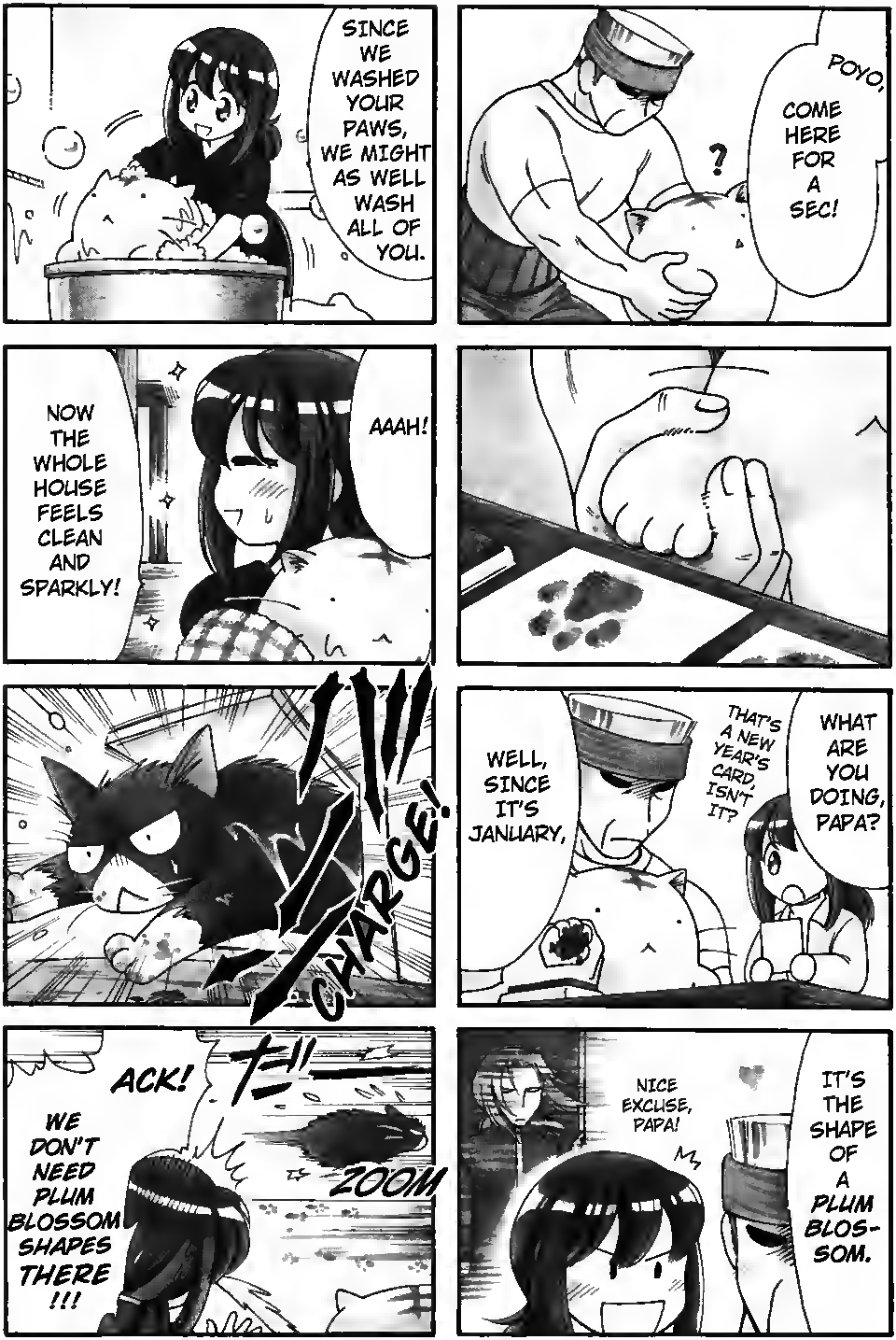
WHAM!


WOW!
IT'S A HOT-WATER PACK SHAPED LIKE A CAT!
CERAMIC

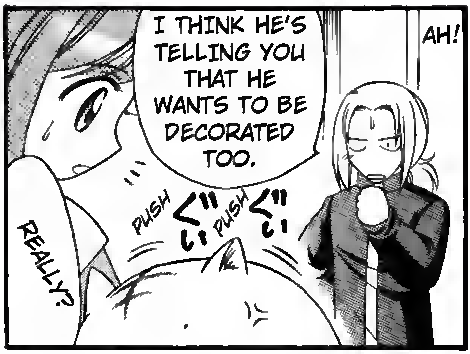

IN SOME WAYS, YOU'RE A TYPICAL GUY, TOO...
POYO...

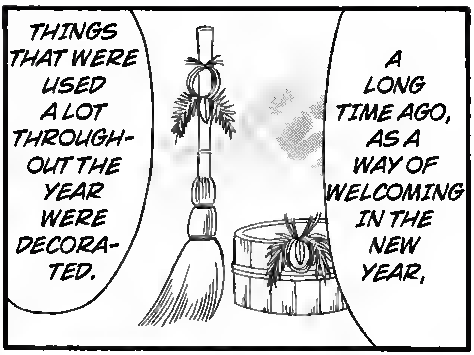
GONNA BE SLEEPING WITH THIS TONIGHT, POYO!

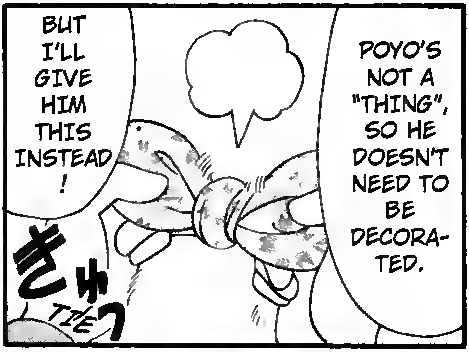
I WONDER IF WE CAN DRINK IT NOW.
PLUM WINE BREWED IN THE SUMMER!
WINE BEFORE NEW YEAR'S ♡ DINNER!
TIME TO SEND THE YEAR OFF WITH A GOOD CLEANING!
WELL, THEN!
CRANG
IT NEEDS TO BE PUT AWAY FOR JUST A BIT LONGER.
HMM...
WELL, THERE'S SOME LEFT FROM LAST YEAR!
WHEN WERE YOU PUT AWAY FOR BREWING?
SNUG みっしり
AND...
SHAKE SHAKE

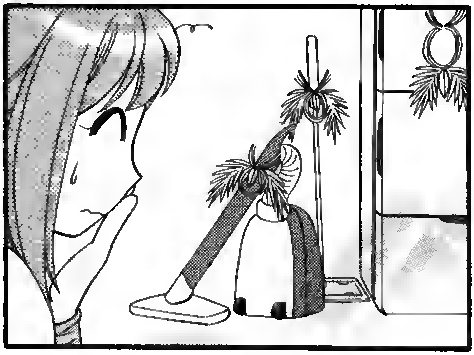

SINCE WE WASHED YOUR PAWS, WE MIGHT AS WELL WASH ALL OF YOU.
POYO, COME HERE FOR A SEC!
?
NOW THE WHOLE HOUSE FEELS CLEAN AND SPARKLY!
AAAH!
CHARGE!
WELL, SINCE IT'S JANUARY,
THAT'S A NEW YEAR'S CARD, ISN'T IT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PAPA?
ACK!
ZOOM
WE DON'T NEED PLUM BLOSSOM SHAPES THERE !!!
NICE EXCUSE, PAPA!
IT'S THE SHAPE OF A PLUM BLOS-SOM.

FURRY
YES,
WE HAVE YOUR CAT, KUROBEI.
MUDDY MUDDY MUDDY
OY! KURO!
COME AND GET YOUR TREAT!
?
HIDE, CAN YOU ...?
APPARENTLY HE RAN OFF WHILE HE WAS GETTING HIS BATH.
AOW!
MOWN!
SINCE KUROBEI LOVES TO BE TOUCHED BY YOU!
.....
AOOWW!
EEEEE?
MREOWAW!
IS THAT MALE, TOO?
BUT WHAT PEOPLE HEARD OUTSIDE ???
VERY BAD!
AAAAAAAHH!!
MEOOW
SINCE NOON, EVEN!
WELL, I NEVER!
THAT'S GOOD! THAT'S VERY GOOD!
MEOWOW

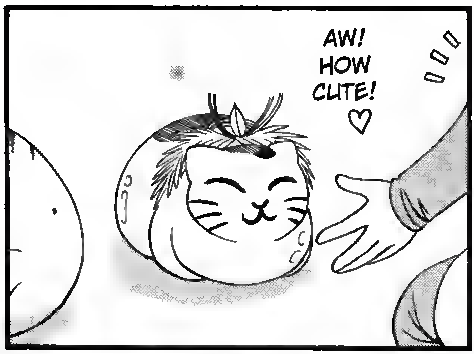

I THINK HE'S TELLING YOU THAT HE WANTS TO BE DECORATED TOO.
AH!
REALLY?
PUSH
PUSH

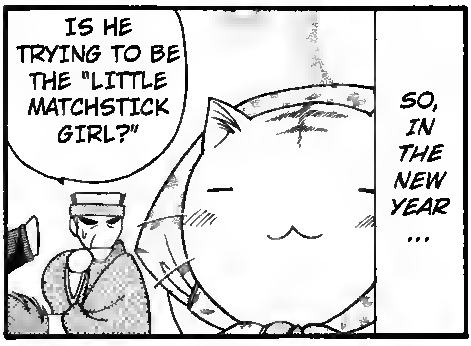

A LONG TIME AGO, AS A WAY OF WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR,
THINGS THAT WERE USED A LOT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WERE DECORATED.

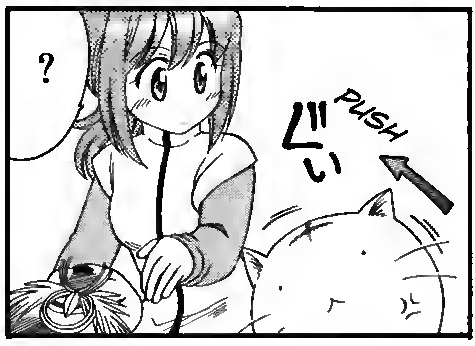

POYO'S NOT A "THING", SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO BE DECORATED.
BUT I'LL GIVE HIM THIS INSTEAD!
TIE



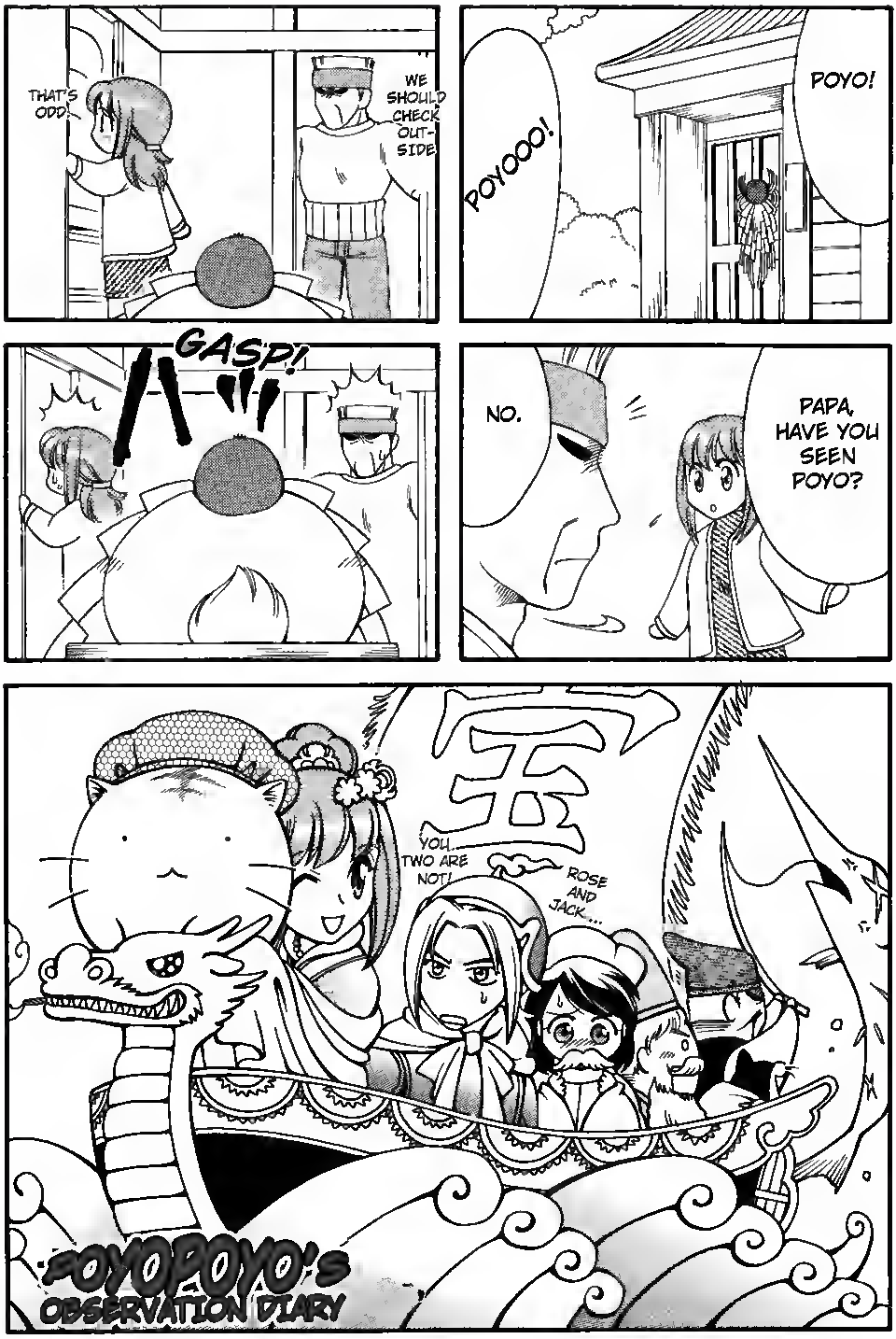
IT'S A BANDANA THAT MATCHES MAMA'S PURSE!
SINCE YOU'RE FAMILY, POYO!

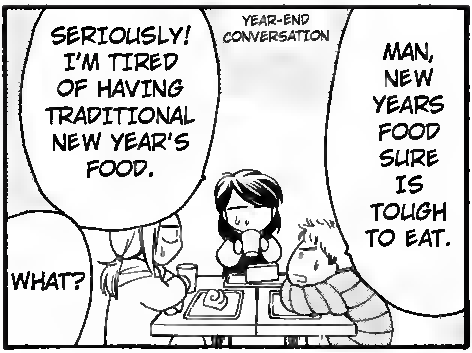

AW! HOW CUTE!

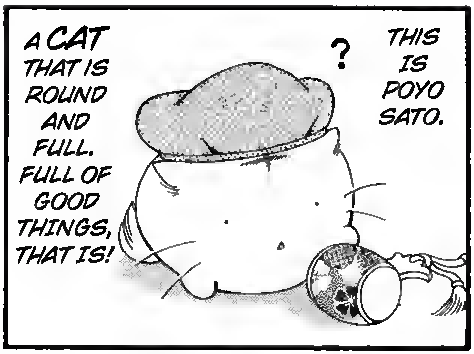

IS HE TRYING TO BE THE "LITTLE MATCHSTICK GIRL?"
SO, IN THE NEW YEAR...

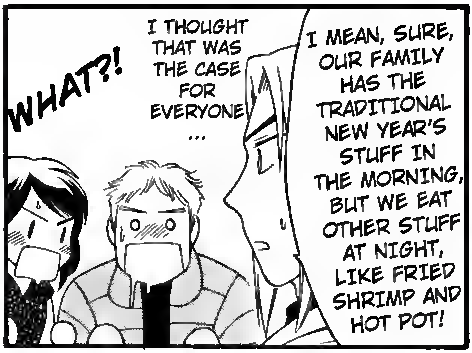

?
PUSH

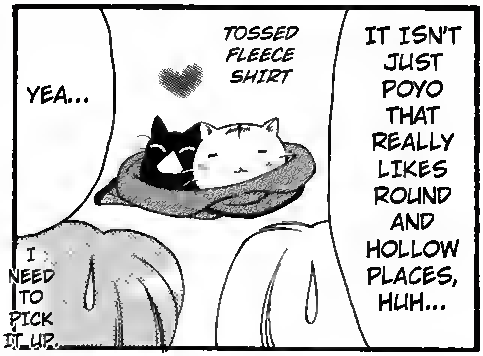
LARGE
VARIATION

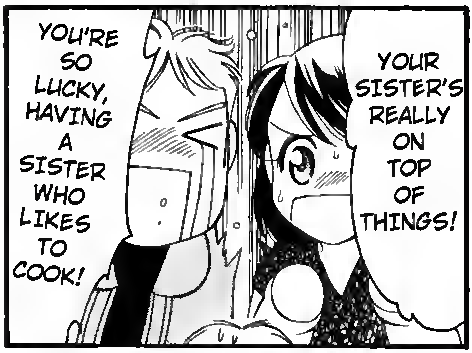

THAT'S ODD.
WE SHOULD CHECK OUT-SIDE
POYO!
POYOOO!
GASP!
NO.
PAPA, HAVE YOU SEEN POYO?
YOU TWO ARE NOT!
ROSE AND JACK...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

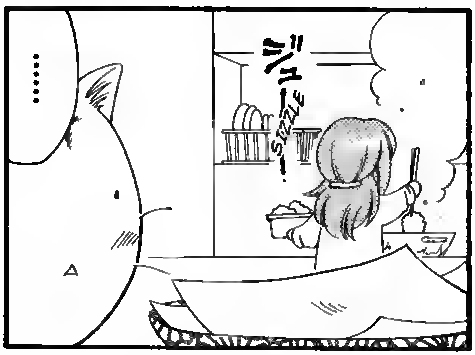

YEAR-END CONVERSATION
SERIOUSLY! I'M TIRED OF HAVING TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S FOOD.
MAN, NEW YEARS FOOD SURE IS TOUGH TO EAT.
WHAT?


A CAT THAT IS ROUND AND FULL. FULL OF GOOD THINGS, THAT IS!
?
THIS IS POYO SATO.


WHAT?!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE CASE FOR EVERYONE ...
I MEAN, SURE, OUR FAMILY HAS THE TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S STUFF IN THE MORNING, BUT WE EAT OTHER STUFF AT NIGHT, LIKE FRIED SHRIMP AND HOT POT!


YEA...
TOSSED FLEECE SHIRT
IT ISN'T JUST POYO THAT REALLY LIKES ROUND AND HOLLOW PLACES, HUH...
I NEED TO PICK IT UP.


YOU'RE SO LUCKY, HAVING A SISTER WHO LIKES TO COOK!
YOUR SISTER'S REALLY ON TOP OF THINGS!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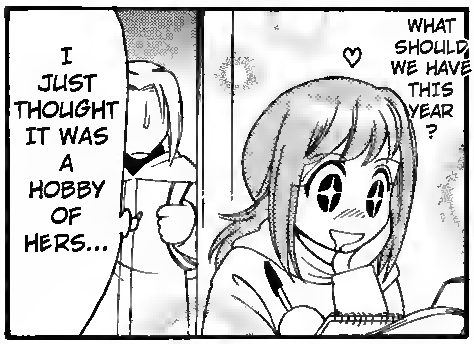
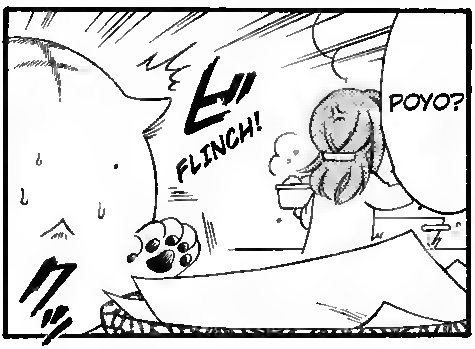
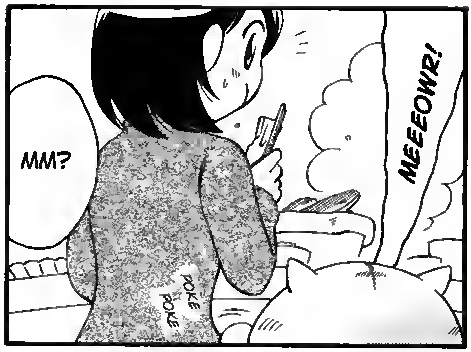
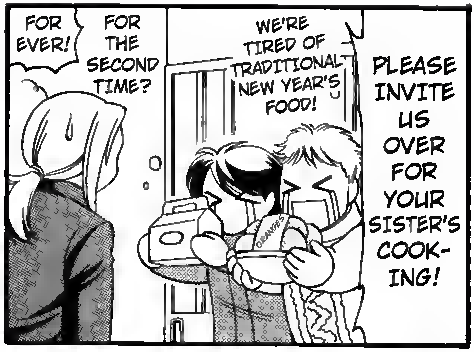
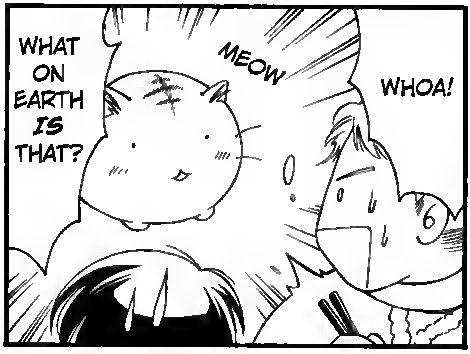
SIZZLE

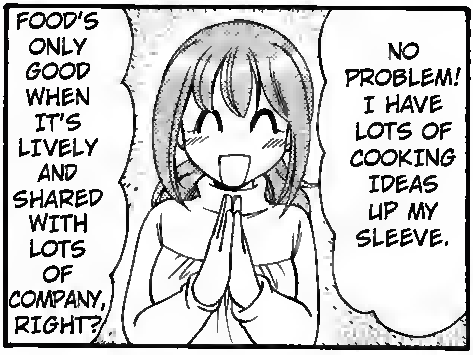

I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS A HOBBY OF HERS...
WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE THIS YEAR?

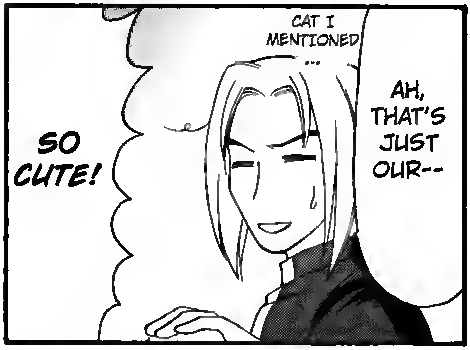

FLINCH!
POYO?

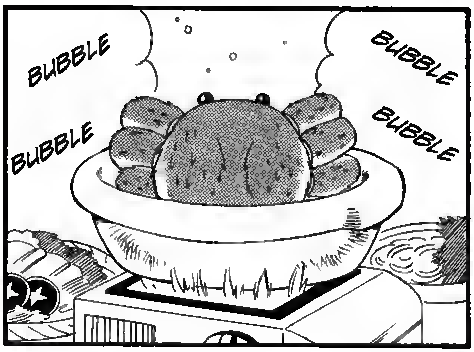

MM?
POKE POKE
MEEOW!


FOR EVER!
FOR THE SECOND TIME?
WE'RE TIRED OF TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S FOOD!
PLEASE INVITE US OVER FOR YOUR SISTER'S COOKING!


WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?
MEOW
WHOA!


FOOD'S ONLY GOOD WHEN IT'S LIVELY AND SHARED WITH LOTS OF COMPANY, RIGHT?
NO PROBLEM! I HAVE LOTS OF COOKING IDEAS UP MY SLEEVE.


SO CUTE!
CAT I MENTIONED ...
AH, THAT'S JUST OUR--


BUBBLE
BUBBLE
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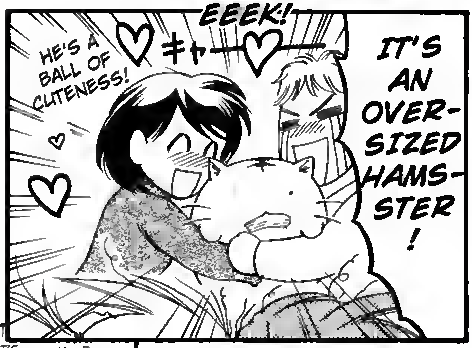
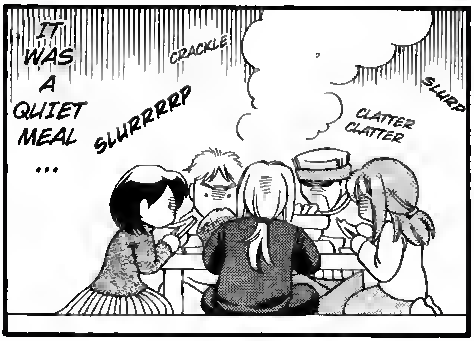
BUBBLE

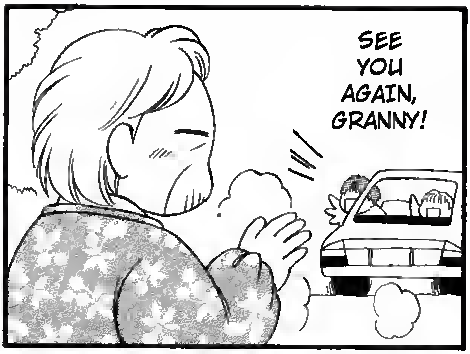

EEEK!
HE'S A BALL OF CUTENESS!
IT'S AN OVER-SIZED HAMSTER!

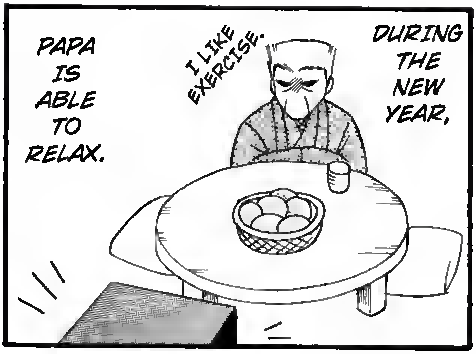

IT WAS A QUIET MEAL ...
CRACKLE
SLURRRRP
CLATTER CLATTER
SLURP

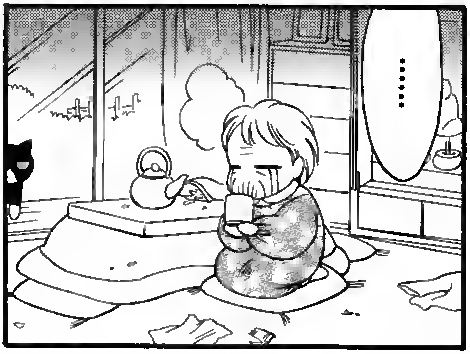
THAT'S NOT IT
POYO BAG!

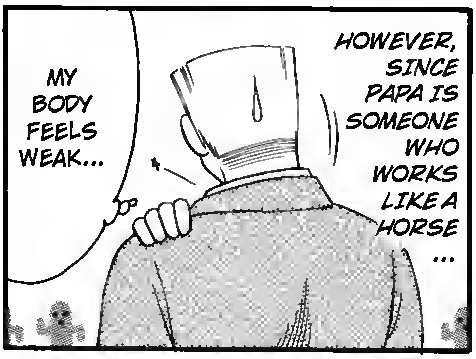
OOPS! MY BAD!
SCREECH!
TAIL
SQUISH
GIGGLE
YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE AROUND IN THE NEW YEAR?
POOR KURO CAN'T GO HOME ANYMORE.
YOU WIN THE LOTTERY OR SOMETHING?
NOPE! IT'S JUST THAT ALL THE DESIGNS LOOK SO NICE!
LET'S PLAY!
KURO! WHERE ARE YOU?
SHOW!
SEE!
DESIGN?!
CAT PHOTOS!-
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
謹賀新年
I SEE THE NEIGHBOR'S GRAND-CHILDREN HAVE COME BACK...
NEXT DOOR...
GRANNY! WHERE'S KURO?!
THOSE DEVILS HAVE BEEN CHASING HIM ALL DAY...
CAT LOVERS...
INCIDENTALLY, THE ONE I PUT OUT IS...

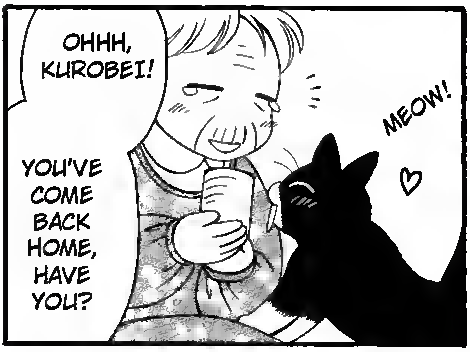
END♡

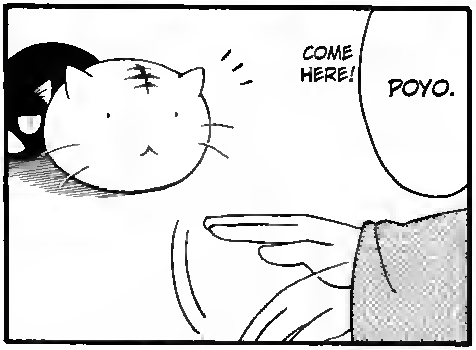


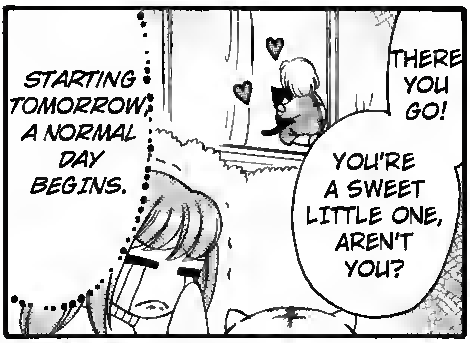






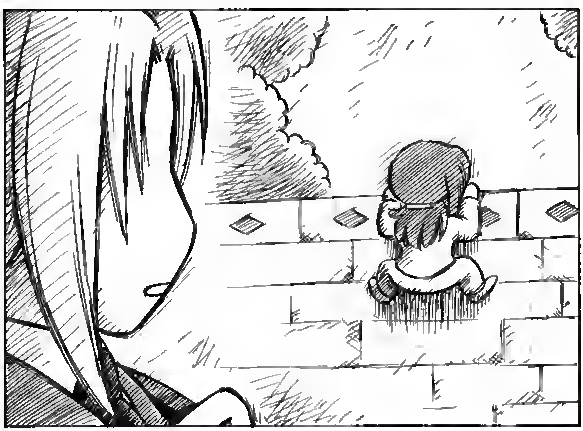






POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY (1) THE END

THE SATO FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM AND DIARY

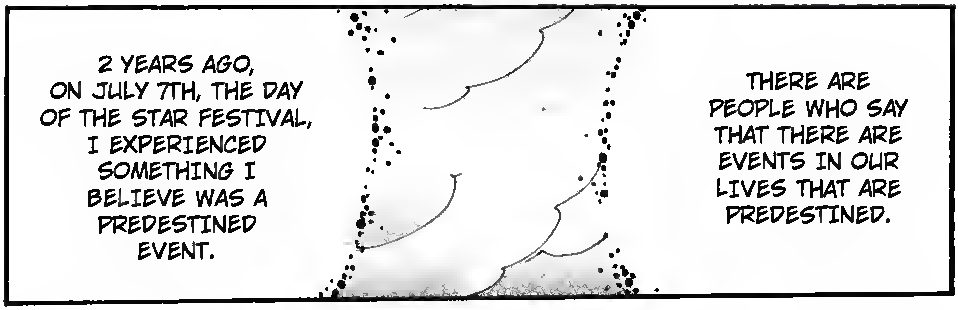


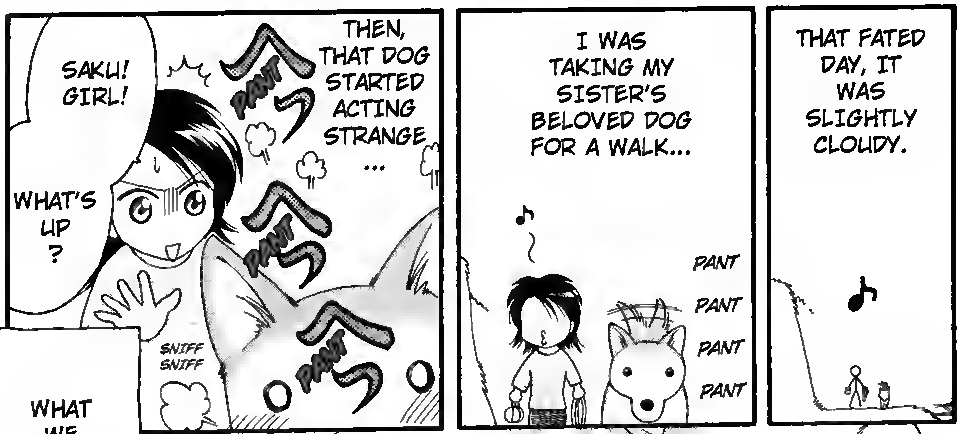
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH: FINE

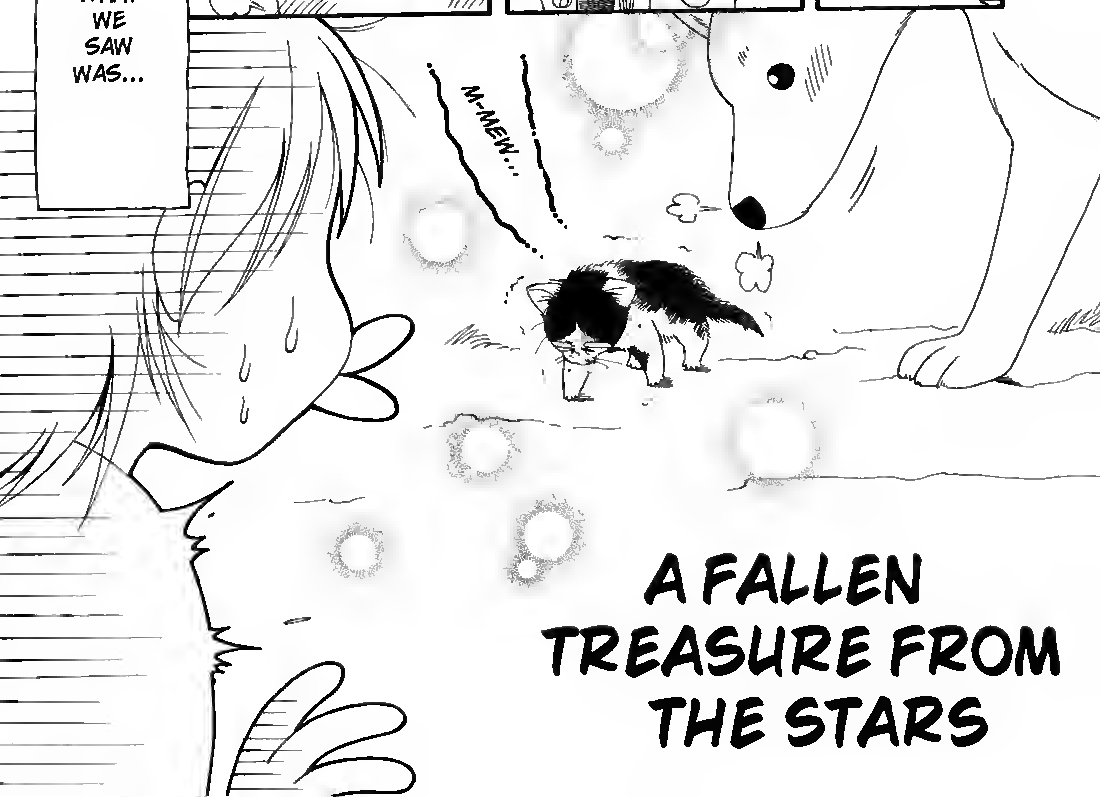
TODAY, I FOUND SIS HANGING ON A FENCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

FOR SOMEONE TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN THAT POSITION, ONE WOULD NEED TO HAVE SOME SERIOUS MUSCLE STRENGTH.

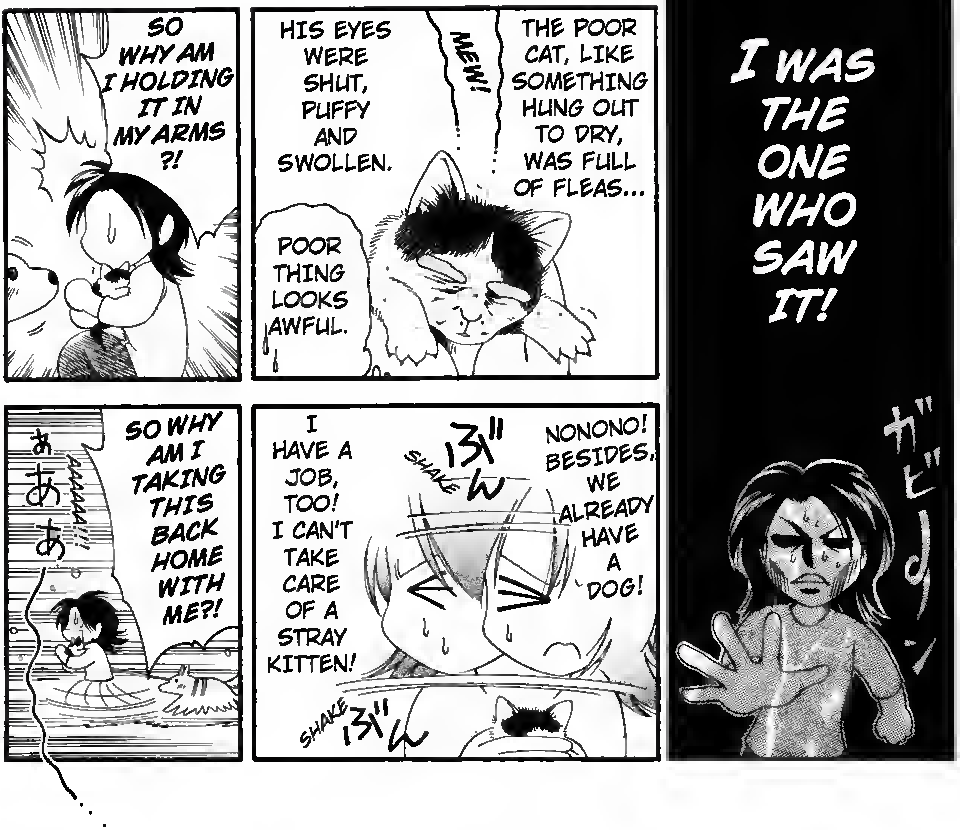
I LEFT RIGHT AFTER.


2 YEARS AGO, ON JULY 7TH, THE DAY OF THE STAR FESTIVAL, I EXPERIENCED SOMETHING I BELIEVE WAS A PREDESTINED EVENT.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT THERE ARE EVENTS IN OUR LIVES THAT ARE PREDESTINED.

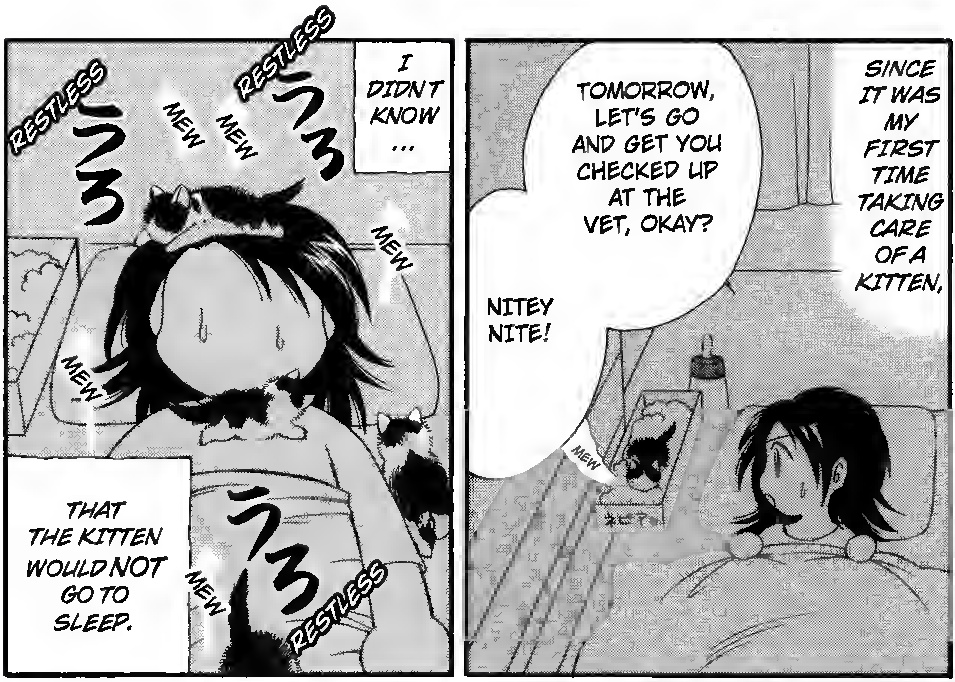




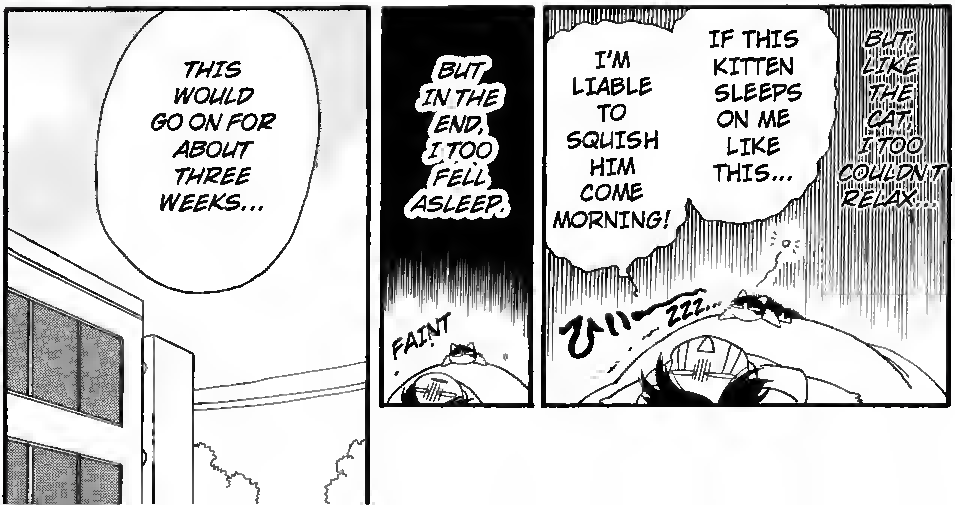
A FALLEN TREASURE FROM THE STARS

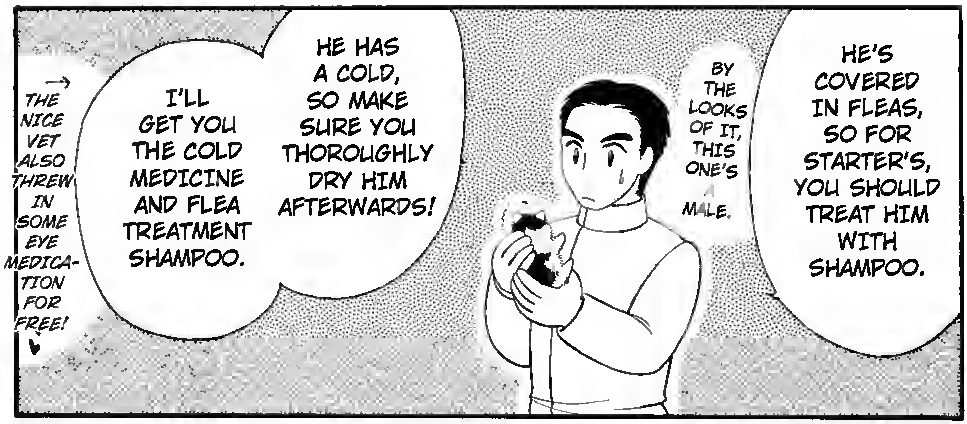

SO WHY AM I HOLDING IT IN MY ARMS ?!
HIS EYES WERE SHUT, PUFFY AND SWOLLEN.
MEW!!
THE POOR CAT, LIKE SOMETHING HUNG OUT TO DRY, WAS FULL OF FLEAS...
POOR THING LOOKS AWFUL.
I WAS THE ONE WHO SAW IT!
ガビーン
SO WHY AM I TAKING THIS BACK HOME WITH ME?!
あああ
I HAVE A JOB, TOO! I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF A STRAY KITTEN!
SHAKE ぶるん
NONONO! BESIDES, WE ALREADY HAVE A DOG!
SHAKE ぶるん

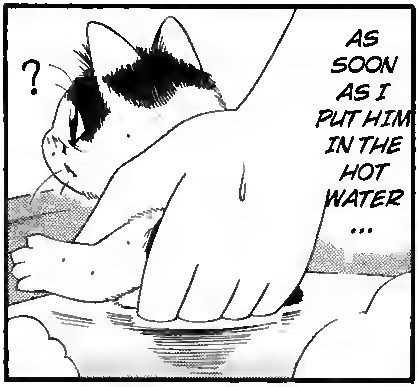
WHO FOUND HIM!
WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN THE CRAZY LIFE OF RAISING A CAT.
SUCKLE SUCKLE
I WAS THE ONE
I, WHO WAS FEEDING THIS THING MILK,
AFTER BUYING A KITTEN SUPPLIES,
MILK


SINCE IT WAS MY FIRST TIME TAKING CARE OF A KITTEN,
TOMORROW, LET'S GO AND GET YOU CHECKED UP AT THE VET, OKAY?
NITEY NITE!
MEW
I DIDN'T KNOW ...
RESTLESS
うろ
MEW
THAT THE KITTEN WOULD NOT GO TO SLEEP.

IN THE END, HE FELL ASLEEP.
THUD!
AH!
ZZZZZ...
HE MUST'VE BEEN SCARED AND UNABLE TO RELAX...


THIS WOULD GO ON FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS...
BUT, IN THE END, I, TOO FELL ASLEEP.
FAINT
I'M LIABLE TO SQUISH HIM COME MORNING!
IF THIS KITTEN SLEEPS ON ME LIKE THIS...
BUT, LIKE THE CAT, I TOO COULDN'T RELAX...
ZZZ...


HE'S COVERED IN FLEAS, SO FOR STARTER'S, YOU SHOULD TREAT HIM WITH SHAMPOO.
BY THE LOOKS OF IT, THIS ONE'S A MALE.
HE HAS A COLD, SO MAKE SURE YOU THOROUGHLY DRY HIM AFTERWARDS!
I'LL GET YOU THE COLD MEDICINE AND FLEA TREATMENT SHAMPOO.
→ THE NICE VET ALSO THREW IN SOME EYE MEDICATION FOR FREE!


AS SOON AS I PUT HIM IN THE HOT WATER ...
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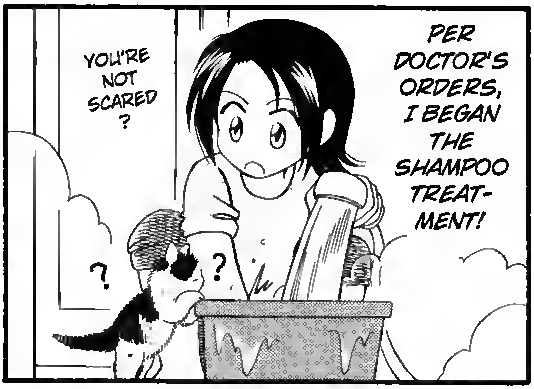
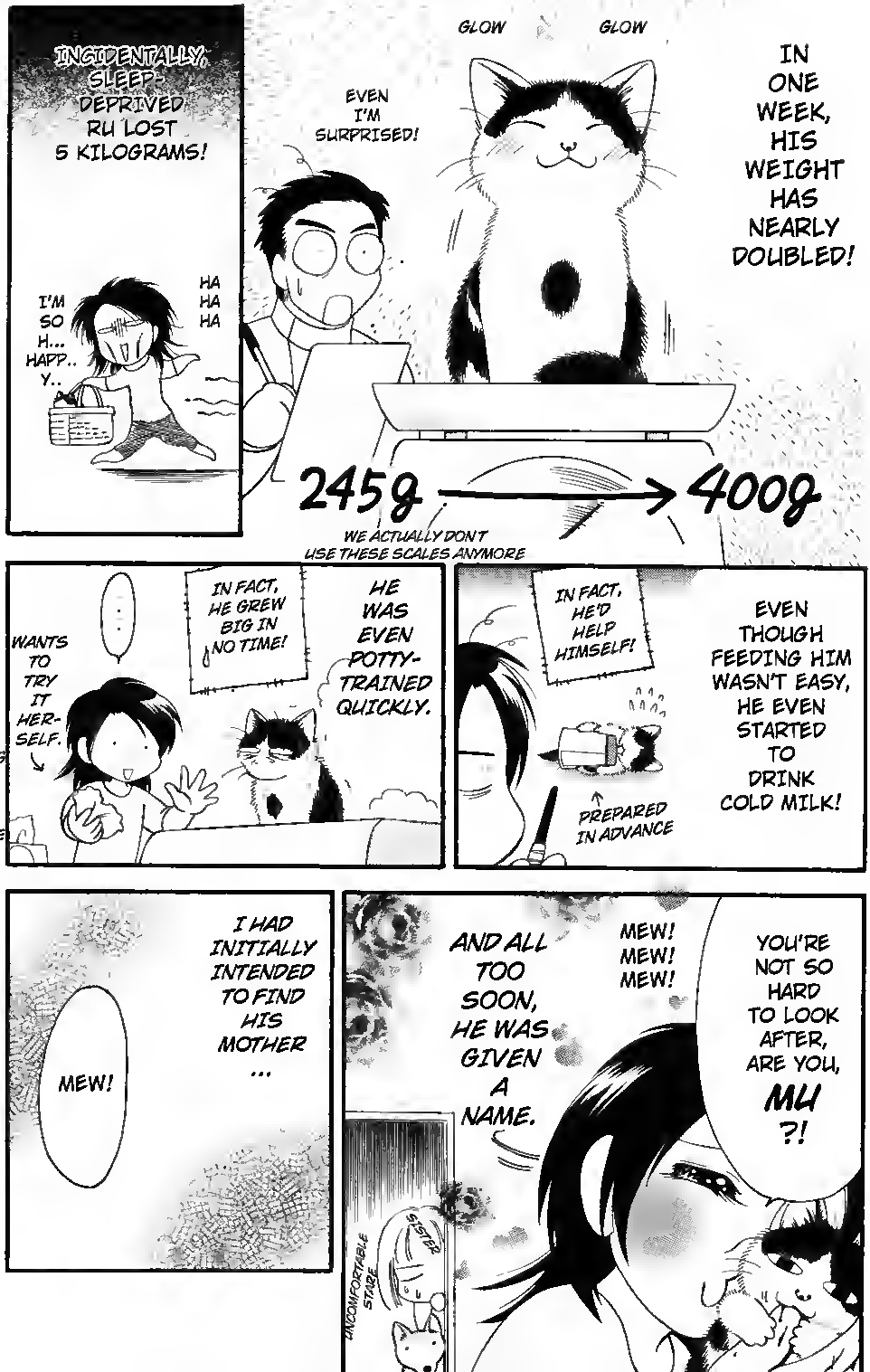
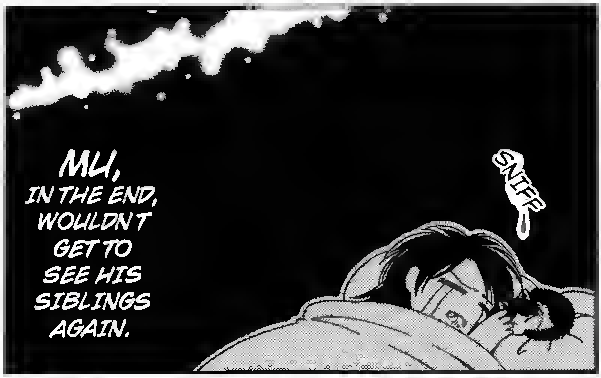

PER DOCTOR'S ORDERS, I BEGAN THE SHAMPOO TREATMENT!
YOU'RE NOT SCARED ?
? ?

THE DROPPINGS OF ALL THE FLEAS STARTED TO EVAPORATE, LEAVING ONE BLOODY CAT!
EEYUCK!
BLECH! BLOODY STENCH!
ACK
FLEA DROPPINGS COME FROM THE BLOOD.
IS THIS ALL YOUR BLOOD ?
FOR A BABY, YOU RAN INTO SOME REALLY BAD LUCK.
MEW
ONE SHOULD BE WARY OF FLEAS

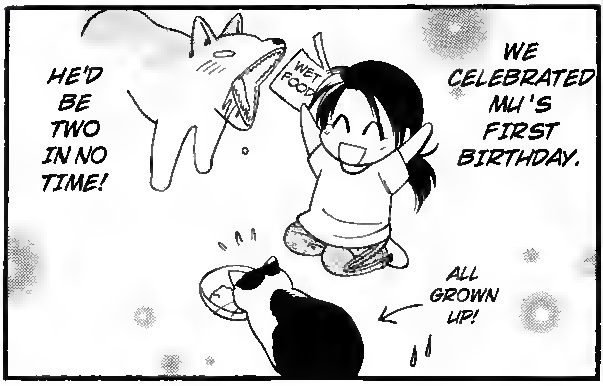
I ACTUALLY SAW THIS LITTLE GUY IN THE FIELDS MYSELF LAST WEEK...
SISTER
MEW!
W-WHAT?!
SINCE THERE WERE THREE OF THEM THAT TIME, IT WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE THEM ALL HOME...
BLACK AND WHITE LIKE THIS ONE....
THREE OF THEM?!
HE HAD SIB-LINGS ?!
DOES THAT MEAN THEY WERE ABANDONED LAST WEEK?
IF THEY WERE ABANDONED AT BIRTH, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME SO BIG. BUT IF THEIR PARENTS WERE STILL AROUND, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN LEFT IN SUCH TERRIBLE CONDITION.
BUT STILL...
WHAT DID YOU EAT TO GET SO BIG IN THAT ONE WEEK?
HE HAS SUCH A VORACIOUS APPETITE!
SUCKLE SUCKLE ちゅぱちゅぱ
GULP GULP ごいごい
IT'S STILL A MYSTERY.
AS IF HE WAS RECOVERING FROM A LONG FAST,
THE KITTEN DRANK AND DRANK MILK EVERY TWO HOURS (ONE BOTTLE WAS TOO LITTLE! HAD HIS STOMACH SHRUNK?)

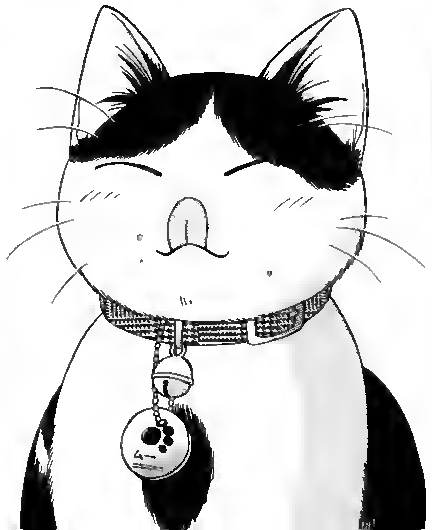

INCIDENTALLY, SLEEP-DEPRIVED RU LOST 5 KILOGRAMS!
I'M SO H... HAPP.. Y..
HA HA HA
EVEN I'M SURPRISED!
GLOW
GLOW
IN ONE WEEK, HIS WEIGHT HAS NEARLY DOUBLED!
245g
400g
WE ACTUALLY DON'T USE THESE SCALES ANYMORE
WIPING THE REAR WITH TISSUE ...
WANTS TO TRY IT HER-SELF.
IN FACT, HE GREW BIG IN NO TIME!
HE WAS EVEN POTTY-TRAINED QUICKLY.
IN FACT, HE'D HELP HIMSELF!
PREPARED IN ADVANCE
EVEN THOUGH FEEDING HIM WASN'T EASY, HE EVEN STARTED TO DRINK COLD MILK!
MEW!
I HAD INITIALLY INTENDED TO FIND HIS MOTHER ...
AND ALL TOO SOON, HE WAS GIVEN A NAME.
MEW! MEW! MEW!
YOU'RE NOT SO HARD TO LOOK AFTER, ARE YOU, MU ?!
UNCOMFORTABLE STARE
SISTER

COLLAPSE
ふぉぉ～ん
AWW!
ROLL ROLL ROLL
OH, MU!
MU, BABY!
MEOW!
SUCH A CUTE KITTY!
RUMBLE
ゴォォォ
WHAT A CRAZY STORM OUTSIDE!
CRASH!
ガッターン
ガタガタ
CLATTER CLATTER
ゴォォォォォォ
ON THE THIRD NIGHT AFTER FINDING MU.
ビュー
ゴォォォォォォ
RUMBLE!
COMPLETELY UNDISTURBED...
IF I HADN'T FOUND HIM...



THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE DAY OF THE STAR FESTIVAL.

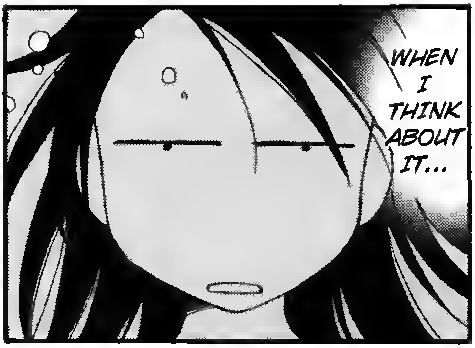


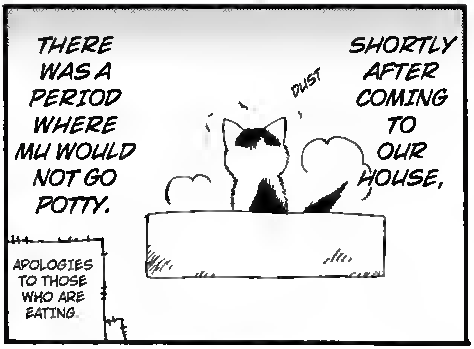


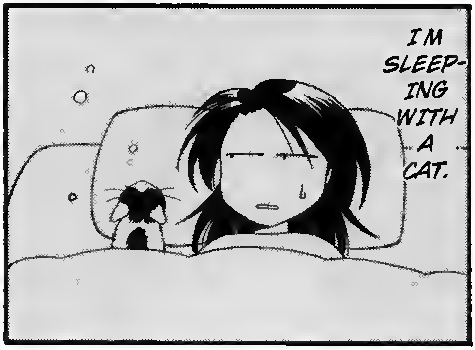
TANABATA -SAMA,

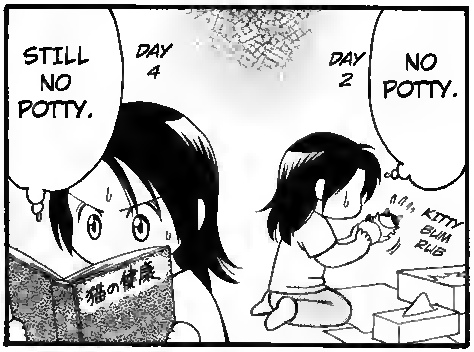
THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL TREASURE.

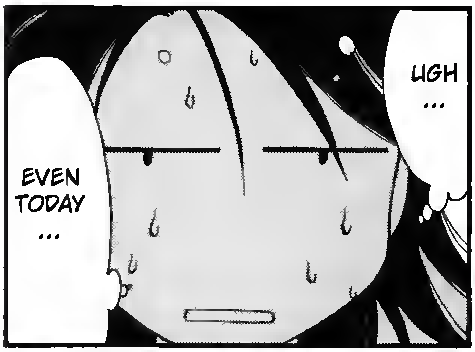
IT'S THE MU SPECIAL!
SHINE!
むは～ん
TIME TO EAT! ASSORTED BLEND OF KITTY MILK AND BABY FOOD TODAY!
WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE A PART OF HIS LIFE AS A KITTEN.
LITTER BOX
(FROM HERE ON LIES KITTY DROPPINGS)
MU, A ONCE FLEA-RIDDEN CAT WHO WAS PICKED UP BY THE TATSUKI FAMILY.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WERE SO EXCITED WHEN I WAS OPENING IT!
.....
THIS IS GONNA BE A CINCH!
HAVE TO START WEANING YOU ONTO SOLID FOODS!
IF IT ISN'T OUT OF THE PALM OF A HAND, MU WILL NOT EAT IT.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
LI'L "MU"
(KITTY EDITION)


WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...


THERE WAS A PERIOD WHERE MU WOULD NOT GO POTTY.
APOLOGIES TO THOSE WHO ARE EATING.
SHORTLY AFTER COMING TO OUR HOUSE,
DUST


I'M SLEEPING WITH A CAT.


STILL NO POTTY.
DAY 4
DAY 2
NO POTTY.
KITTY BLAM RUB
猫の健康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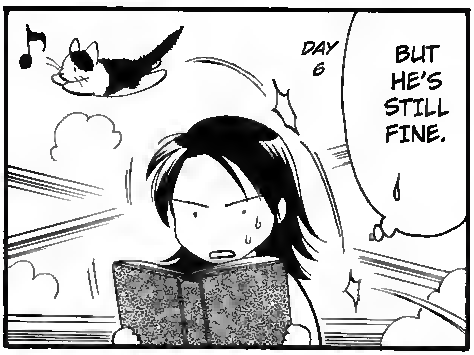
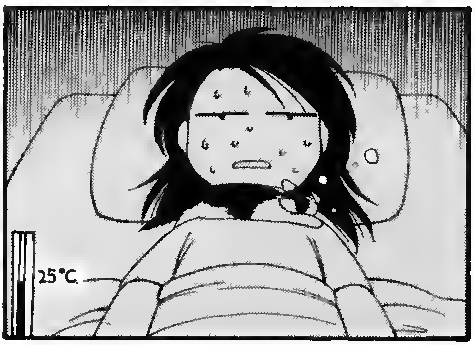
EVEN TODAY ...


DAY 6
BUT HE'S STILL FINE.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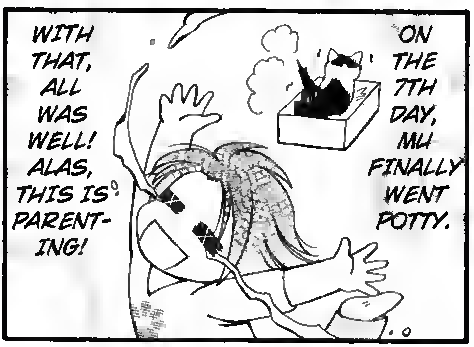
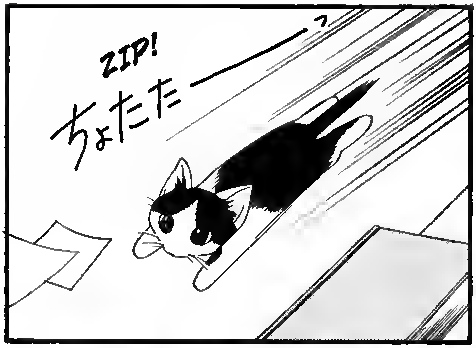
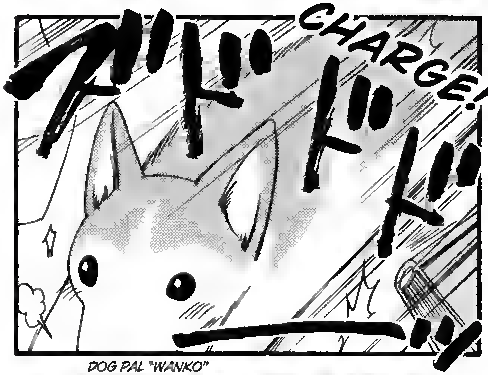
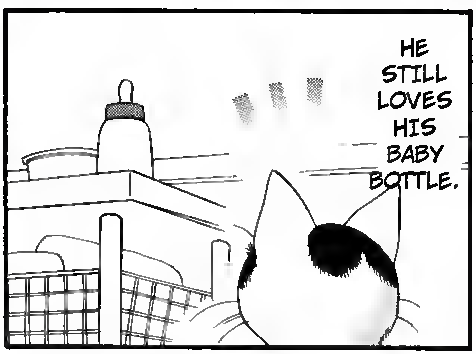

WITH THAT, ALL WAS WELL! ALAS, THIS IS PARENTING!
ON THE 7TH DAY, MU FINALLY WENT POTTY.





DOG PAL "WANKO"



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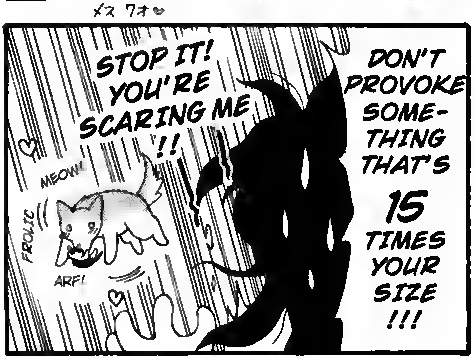
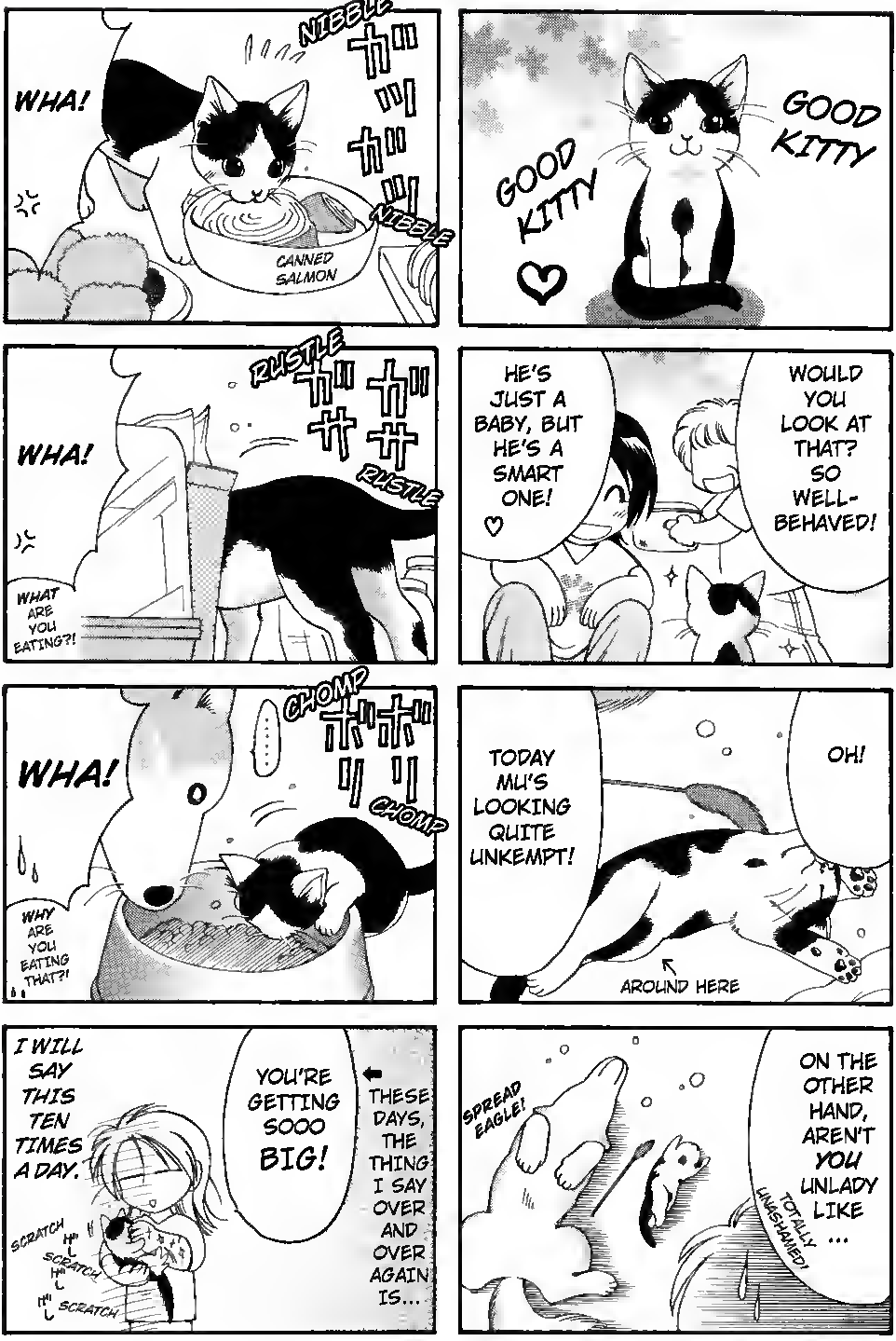
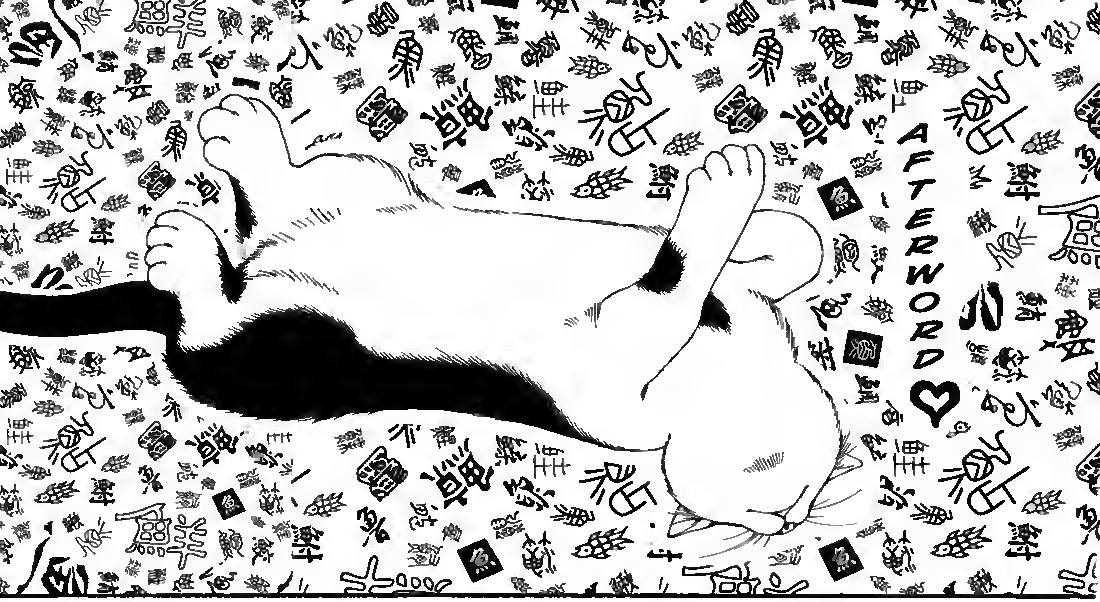
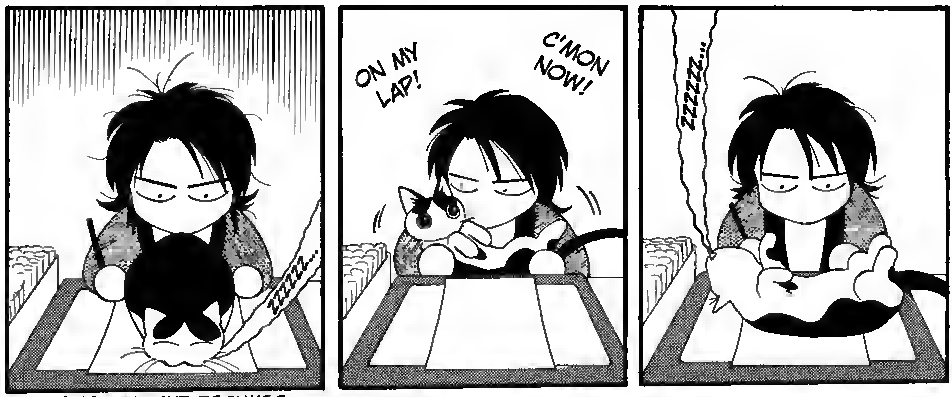



WHA!
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
CANNED SALMON
GOOD KITTY
GOOD KITTY
WHA!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
WHAT ARE YOU EATING?!
HE'S JUST A BABY, BUT HE'S A SMART ONE!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT? SO WELL-BEHAVED!
WHA!
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
WHY ARE YOU EATING THAT?!
TODAY MU'S LOOKING QUITE UNKEMPT!
OH!
AROUND HERE
I WILL SAY THIS TEN TIMES A DAY.
YOU'RE GETTING SOOO BIG!
THESE DAYS, THE THING I SAY OVER AND OVER AGAIN IS...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SPREAD EAGLE!
ON THE OTHER HAND, AREN'T YOU UNLADY LIKE ...
TOTALLY UNASHAMED!





*FLIPS AROUND AND RESUMES "STATUE" POSITION. (ENDLESS!)

HELLO READER, THIS IS RU TATSUKI!

FROM MY DAILY EXPERIENCES LIVING WITH A CAT AND THE FILTERED IDEAS IN MY HEAD, I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE "POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY".

I HOPE THAT POYO'S JOYFUL AND LIGHT-HEARTED STORY HAS CONNECTED WITH YOU!

SOMETIMES, WHEN I GET MAIL FROM SOMEONE TELLING ME THEY'VE SEEN "A CAT THAT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE POYO".

IT CONCERNS ME IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE...

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